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## SONS OF MAINE DINE.

Dinner of Pine Tree State Club in Boston.

Speakers Resent Attack on Senator Hoar.

Strong Speeches in His Defence.

His Present Attitude Not However Indorsed.

Boston, February 13.—The interest in the speeches at the dinner of the Pine Tree State club at the Brunswick tonight, centered in the remarks of Attorney General H. M. Knowlton and State Senator F. E. Huntress, who spoke strongly in defense of Senator George F. Hoar, against the attack made upon him by Congressman Cushman of Washington, at the Middlesex club last night. Attorney General Knowlton said:

"Three things, courage, honesty and patriotism, mark the career of great men. These three attributes I find in a Massachusetts man whose record has been assailed recently by visitors. This is the first public opportunity I have had of hurrying back these criticisms. Our senator, George F. Hoar, may not voice the sentiment of the whole state, but whatever he does we believe him honest in doing it. He is wise and patriotic and we believe he has the courage of his convictions. Even if we don't agree with him, we love him. He is the leading statesman of Massachusetts if not the nation, and no attack upon his record can lessen our respect and love for him."

Senator Huntress declared that "though just now out of accord with the Republican party, his great deeds for a generation in its behalf will outweigh his present attitude. When the history of this epoch is written, Senator Hoar will get due credit of his many and faithful public services."

D. C. Heath presided at the dinner and short addresses were made by a number of gentlemen.

## THE CLARK HEARING.

His Workers Testify to Their Own Honesty.

Washington, February 13.—When the Senate committee on elections resumed its consideration of the Clark case today, Mr. J. S. Neill was recalled.

The witness said he did all he could in a legitimate way to help Mr. Clark. He denied that he had spent any money except his own. He said he did not handle any money during the Senatorial fight, except such as one would naturally spend—not to exceed in the aggregate \$1000.

"Did you spend no money except in Fergus county?" he was asked.

"I cannot say precisely as to that. Those were exciting times. I was in the thick of the fray and pretty busy."

Speaking of Attorney General Nolan's transcript of his testimony before the Lewis and Clark county grand jury, Mr. Neill declared that it was colored throughout. He gave an instance in which he was quoted as saying that he did not know that any money had been sent in the Clark contest.

"I said," he continued, "that I did not think any money was corruptly paid. I believe the word corruptly was intentionally left out."

"Has Mr. Clark a mortgage for \$24,000 on the Helena Independent?" asked Mr. Walker.

"He has a mortgage for \$24,000, and I pay him his interest regularly," responded Mr. Neill.

Neill was then excused and a carpenter of Butte giving the name of Charles Ralph Jacobs was called. He testified to a conversation which he said he had had with G. C. Casson, a witness here for the prosecution. He had, he said, gone to Casson's office, when the latter asked him if he wanted to make some "easy money."

"I replied that I did," continued the witness. "He then told me that all I had to do was to go to the Daily people, tell them a story and get my



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money. He said that is what I did and you might as well do it as not."

Continuing Casson said: "They gave me \$500 for my testimony and you might as well get some of it." He then said he would go to the other side and see what he could do."

William McDermott, former United States marshal of Montana and a member of the Clark Independent Democratic committee, during the campaign of 1898, testified that this committee was organized because the regular Democratic committee was in the hands of the Daly men. He volunteered the statement that he had been "a bitter opponent of Mr. Daly." He said he had instructed his workers at the primaries to use none but honest means and devote themselves to prevent fraud.

## SEIZE RAILROADS.

Anti Trust Convention Resolves That Government Should Take Possession of Them.

Chicago, February 13.—After a heated debate the resolutions committee of the anti-trust conference tonight decided to report in favor of government ownership of railroads and for their seizure on payment of actual value and without payment "for watered stock or other fictitious values."

There was a sharp discussion brought on by an effort to make the platform declare that the government should seize the railroads on payment of actual value "and without payment for franchise values."

Unanimous action was finally obtained by omitting out the words "franchise values," inserting instead the phrase, "watered stock or other fictitious values."

The committee also unanimously favored direct popular legislation as a means of obtaining the result.

A number of set speeches were heard at the morning and afternoon sessions of the conference.

The night session was in the form of a mass meeting at the auditorium and brought out some of the strongest speakers.

## TO AID BOERS.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 13.—The first hospital corps sent by the United Irish societies of New England for work with the Boers in South Africa left for New York at 11 o'clock tonight over the Boston & Albany railroad, their departure being witnessed by several hundred enthusiastic friends.

The corps is organized under the Red Cross society and the party numbered 11 which will be augmented to 16 or 18 by additions at Springfield and other places en route, all under the charge of Richard J. Barry of Lawrence, the organizer of the corps. The members of the corps were very enthusiastic and said they expected no interference either from the American or British governments.

## COMMISSIONERS MURDERED.

Rangoon, British Burma, February 13.—British Commissioner Kiddie and Sub-Commissioner, who had been engaged in the demarcation of the Burmo-Chinese boundary, have been murdered in the Mong Heng district. Consul Litton was wounded but escaped.

## THE WEATHER.



Boston, Mass., Feb. 13.—Local forecast: Wednesday, fair, colder; brisk to moderately high westerly winds, diminishing.

Thursday fair, followed by increasing cloudiness and probably light rain or snow flurries in the afternoon or night; light variable winds.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: New England—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; much colder Wednesday; diminishing northwesterly winds.

## LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

Portland, Feb. 13, 1900.—The local weather bureau records the following:

8 a. m.—Barometer, 28.905; thermometer, 40; dew point, 30; rel. humidity, 68; direction of wind, SE; wind velocity, 21; state of weather, rain.

8 p. m. Barometer, 28.377; thermometer, 47; dew point, 47; rel. humidity, 100; direction of wind, SW; wind velocity, 20; state of weather, pty. cloudy.

Max. temp., 49; min. temp., 38; mean temp., 44; max. wind velocity, 44 SE; precipitation—24 hours 1.80.

## WEATHER OBSERVATIONS.

The agricultural department weather bureau for yesterday, Feb. 13, taken at 8 p. m., meridian time, the observation for each section being given in this order: Temperature, direction of wind, state of weather.

Boston, 50, W, cldy; New York, 40, NW, clear; Philadelphia, 41, NW, clear; Washington, 42, W, clear; Albany, 40, W, pty. cldy; Buffalo, 20, W, cloudy; Detroit, 18, W, clear; Chicago, 12, W, clear; St. Paul, 6, W, clear; Huron, Dak., 2, N, pty. cldy; Bismarck, -10, NW, clear; Jacksonville, 68, NW, pty. cldy.

## DROUGHT TO FLOOD.

Winter Jumps From One Extreme to Other With Bad Results.

New England Streams Swollen From North to South.

In Maine, Bridges Swept Away and Trains Cancelled.

Cessation of Rain and Change of Temperature Came None Too Soon.

Boston, February 13.—The gales of the equinox scarcely have exceeded in force the storm which swept over New England today, leaving in its wake damage by floods that is almost incalculable.

For 24 hours a heavy rain, after wiping away what few evidences there were of snow and ice brought to a climax the most unreasonable winter New England has known for a great many years. Tributary bodies of water which a few weeks ago were so low that the almost unheard of condition of drought in midwinter, was threatened, have been changed into torrents of more threatening volume than in the usual spring freshets. From drought to flood with all its attendant evils, the change has been rapid. From drought to flood with all its attendant evils, the change has been rapid. From drought to flood with all its attendant evils, the change has been rapid.

More serious still, there has been loss of life at several points.

In this section today the rainfall exceeded one and one-third inches, and as the unfrozen ground was sodden from moisture precipitated during a long spell of mild weather, most of the fall ran off into the natural drainage channels. In the northern section, where there was snow on the ground, the rain was absorbed to some extent and will scarcely be noticed as colder weather will serve as a check.

The most extensive damage reported is along the Merrimack and Connecticut rivers. The flow was fierce along the coast, but shipping, usually less in volume at this season of the year, had ample warning of the storm. A big fleet of coasters, chiefly the coal fleet, was anchored off the Cape Cod shore, but it was safe as contrary winds for many days had made the shipmasters keep their anchors down and hold on tight for a shift to more favoring winds.

At Manchester, N. H., Almer H. Jackson, a mill-hand, attempted to jump over a rivulet, but fell into the water and was washed away and drowned. He leaves a widow and four children.

Wastons stopped traffic on the Boston & Maine main line with Nashua and on the Manchester and North Ware branch. Siona Martin, 12 years old, was drowned in the Nashua river at South Fitchburg during her attempt to leave her home while rising water had surrounded. The current was so swift that she was carried off her feet.

Dispatches from various sections in Vermont and in Maine, place the rainfall at over three inches. The Connecticut river at Bellows Falls rose nearly five feet during the day and as most of the smaller streams are running wild, a further rise of six to eight feet is looked for by noon tomorrow. In the Champlain valley, rain has continued nearly five days so that the after-effects are expected to be more serious than now appear.

At North Adams, Mass., the Hoosac river runs stronger and higher tonight than at any time for 30 years, several mills having their lower floors flooded, with damage exceeding ten thousand dollars. The great pressure of water at the temporary dam of the Metropolitan water board at Clinton, which reservoir in the Nashua river supplies the Boston district, is so great that the workmen are preparing for emergencies.

From all points tonight come reports of heavy damage to mill property and the destruction of small bridges by ice jams. The suburban electric car service is suffering greatly owing to slides of earth under the rails. It is pretty generally agreed that no February storm of its nature for more than a generation has done greater damage than that which tonight is giving way to cooler, clearing westerly weather.

## DESTROYED WATER MAIN.

Flood Causes Serious Damage About Augusta.

Augusta, February 13.—Today's rain storm has caused an endless amount of trouble and damage in this section. All cannot be learned tonight on account of the terrible condition of the roads and the temporary suspension of traffic over the Maine Central so far as Augusta is concerned. Augusta lost two bridges on Bond brook in addition to the water main and bridge across the same brook. The Kennebec river is at flood pitch opposite the city and worse things are feared for Wednesday as the effect of the great fall in the upper section is just beginning to be felt here.

Merchants are moving all their goods from the basements of Water street stores next to the river and a freshet is feared. The streets have been the beds of torrents of water all day and the wet ice in them has made travel next to impossible. Places that are ordinarily little brooks are tonight boiling torrents. Water stands in every declivity. The sudden rise in Bond brook, which empties into the Kennebec in this city destroyed the sixteen inch supply pipe of the Augusta Water company running from the pumping station to the reservoir. Another twelve inch pipe remains however. The loss to the company will be about \$1800.

Word from Togus says that they are having a bad time and owing to water in the hospital steam pipes more than the usual amount of coal on the coldest day in winter is being used.

## DRIVEN FROM HOMES.

Floods Compel Families in Waterville to Move.

Waterville, February 13.—A heavy rain has been falling since early this morning and all of the straits in this section of the state have been swelled into torrents. Many of them have overflowed their banks and some of them have done a good deal of damage. The Westworth brook, which flows through this city, has overflowed its banks, flooding several houses in this city. Dugal McDugal, Peter Zall and William Russell, in Dunbar court, were obliged to move their families to the upper room of their houses and later they had to be removed in boats. Charles Nelson's home, nearby, was flooded and it was necessary to move the family to another house. The river is very rapidly rising and it is feared that the ice will go out before morning.

## A CHILD DROWNED.

Fitchburg, Mass., February 13.—As a result of the excessively heavy rainfall of the past twelve hours, the Nashua river has been rising very rapidly and overflowed its banks and Punch brook, a covered waterway which runs under the houses in the centre of the city and empties into the Nashua river, has burst through the covering and flooded the basements of business houses and the cellars of residences along its course.

A little girl at South Fitchburg was drowned this morning in the river.

Over one half of the mills in the city have been forced to shut down.

Belfast, February 13.—A very heavy storm in this city and in neighboring towns has caused no little damage. During the past twenty-four hours the rainfall has been fully four inches. Trains have been delayed, there being reports of several washouts along the line and all boats are held up here for the night.

## SACO ON A RAMPAGE.

If Ice Holds No Great Damage is Anticipated.

(SPECIAL TO THE PRESS.)

Biddeford, February 13.—A repetition of the exciting scenes attending the freshets of four years ago is feared here. The Saco river, which a few weeks ago was so low as to bother the cotton mills of Biddeford and Saco, is now on a rampage. It has been steadily rising, and if the ice breaks up serious damage is feared.

This afternoon the lumber manufacturers received a telephone message from North Conway which was anything but encouraging. The message said that it had been raining hard all day and as there is quite a depth of snow in the mountains, a continuance of the storm could not fail to cause a big freshet. "Look out for a big rise of the Saco within the next 24 hours," it added.

Heeding this warning, the millmen sent several crews of workmen up to the big boom, three miles above this city, where the logs for all the steam mills are held for sorting. That boom is filled with logs of last season's stock. Mammoth cables fastened to stone piers keep that boom intact, but it was deemed wise to supplement these fastenings with ropes and chains made fast to trees and stumps on shore.

If the ice holds, no great damage is feared, but if it should break up, some of the bridges of Biddeford and Saco, and property along the river bank might fare badly.

Grace Fair brook was overflowing the Old Orchard road to such an extent, this afternoon and evening that the Biddeford & Saco electric road was unable to make its Old Orchard hourly trips.

## SANFORD HAD BAD SCARE.

Not Entirely Satisfied that Worst is Over.

(SPECIAL TO THE PRESS.)

Sanford, February 13.—Sanford had a bad scare today, and its citizens are not entirely satisfied yet that the worst is over. The Mousam river kept rising all day till it was within three inches of the high water mark of the freshet of four years' ago. That was about 6 o'clock. Since then a slight but continual falling off has been noticed.

The ice has remained intact, but below Sanford village the ice broke up and raised havoc with some of the country roads between here and Kennebunk. Lewis bridge, between Sanford and Alford, is piled so high with ice that it is impossible for teams. At a bridge just below Kennebunk village an ice jam occurred and the tracks of the Sanford & Cape Porpoise electric railroad at that point were flooded to a depth of the foot. This and a few slight washouts in other places along the route were the only trouble the electric railroad men encountered.

The power house of the Sanford Light and Water company is flooded, and Sanford and Springvale are in darkness tonight, in consequence of the shutting down of the electric plant.

Fortunately for the Goodall mills and the other industries here, Long Pond was exceptionally low when the storm began, and the new dam built there by the Goodalls held back the flow from the hills. The pond rose two feet between 3 and 5 o'clock this afternoon, and the water at the latter hour looked three feet of the overflowing point.

## TRACKS OVERFLOWED.

All Trains on the Maine Central Cancelled.

(SPECIAL TO THE PRESS.)

Gardiner, Feb. 13.—Ever since yesterday morning rain has been falling until this noon when it increased in volume and until 6 o'clock came down in torrents. Over three inches have fallen and streams are all greatly swollen. There already has been a rise in the Kennebec river of nearly a foot. Ice is in danger of going out with about quarter ice crop harvested. Brook in Farmingdale overflowed and has flooded the Maine Central and electric railroad tracks.

No electric have run since noon and the Augusta local train was cancelled here and returned to South Gardiner. There is over a foot of water on the Maine Central tracks and expert tracksmen from Brunswick came here to examine for a washout. Freight cars are all held above and below Gardiner. Evening passengers are held here and no more trains can run over the Maine Central as one culvert on the west bound tracks has already gone and the east track culvert is likely to go out any moment. Water overflows a large area and great damage is feared. Rain has now ceased and it is growing colder which may stop any further damage.

Midnight.—The Kennebec has risen over three feet and is still rising. The ice is badly worn where large streams empty in but the ice men think it will hold as the thermometer is gradually dropping.

## FLOOD AT HARRISON.

(SPECIAL TO THE PRESS.)

Harrison, February 13.—Rain commenced some time in the night Monday and it at this writing there has been no cessation. Many of the cellars in the lower part of the village have from one to five feet of water in them.

## TRACKS OVERFLOWED AT HIRAM.

(SPECIAL TO THE PRESS.)

Hiram, February 13.—The tracks of the Bridgton and Saco River railroad company at Hiram were up to a late hour last

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## BRITISH RETIRED.

Compelled to Withdraw From Colesburg,

And Concentrate Forces at Rensburg.

Lord Roberts' Communications Are Threatened.

Doubt as to Buller's Intentions.

Boer Mastery Causes Spread of Insurrection.

London, February 14.—4.30 a. m.—The news of the day is the enforced retirement of the British from the Colesburg district under heavy Boer pressure and probably after brisk fighting. Thus at a time when Lord Roberts is apparently about to push an army into the Free State the Boers make a counterstroke in an unknown but seemingly great force, not far from the vital line of railway connecting De Aar and Orange river.

Military observers do not regard this as more than a menace. Nevertheless the news produces an unpleasant impression here. General French had manoeuvred the Boers out of Rensburg in December. In January it was reported that he could take Colesburg in two days with reinforcements. These were sent, but the Boers also were reinforced. Since then the British lines have been extended east and west so that at the opening of this week they constituted a great horse shoe, twenty-five miles in length. The lines were not continuous but all the strong positions were held.

Gen. French, when he joined Lord Roberts, presumably took most of his cavalry. Gen. Clements was left with the infantry to hold the Boers in check; but Commandant De Caary with a double turning movement, has compelled the British to concentrate at Rensburg, besides threatening Lord Roberts' communications. The Boer mastery of the district has caused a spread of the insurrection, but this no doubt will be promptly repressed as large British forces are available not far away.

The indications as to General Buller's immediate intentions are contradictory. One informant who has intimate relations with the war office predicts a movement within the next two days. A number of correspondents who have been with Gen. Buller, however, have gone to Durban for a few days rest under the impression that nothing is to be done immediately.

The war office has directed the eighth division of ten thousand men to prepare to go out.

## TWO DAYS' FIGHTING.

Before British Were Forced From Colesburg.

London, February 14.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Rensburg dated yesterday, says:

"There has been hard fighting for two days near Colesburg. The Boers making strenuous efforts to outflank the British left. The enemy occupied strong positions from Achterburg, through Pottfontein, to a point five miles south of Jaffontein. The fighting at the outpost camps has been very severe during the last few days. Yesterday the Boers attacked the position of the Worcesters, to the southeast of Colesburg. Fighting continued all day and after dark it was considered necessary to withdraw to Rensburg. Our losses are not yet known."

On the left the West Australians, Wilts and Berks shires had hot fighting, but held their positions against long odds. The Boer losses were considerable. Owing to the growing difficulty experienced by convoys in reaching the camps, all of the latter were vacated last night and the troops withdrawn to Rensburg. The Boers are burning the farms of the loyalists but the latter have contrived to get away with their stock.

## CASUALTIES AT POTGIETERS.

London, February 13.—The fact that General Buller's despatch relating the casualties to the British troops at Potgieters drift is dated from Coleridge, is taken in some quarters as an indication that General Buller has removed his headquarters to that place. There is nothing to indicate whether or not he left any large force at Springfield.

## BRITISH RETIRING.

Places Have Been Held By Them Since New Year.

Rensburg, February 13.—Yesterday's retirement of the Western outposts include the withdrawal from Coles Kop and all the surrounding posts. The Boers placed a forty-pounder at Bastard's Nek, commanding the surrounding country, and successfully shelled the British post.

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# RAINS DESCENDED.

## Presumpscot River Transformed Into a Raging Torrent.

## Portland's Water Supply Was at One Time Threatened.

## Part of Bridge at Little River Carried Away.

## Warren's New Canal Prevented Great Damage Being Done.

With the exception of the freshet of 1895 on the Presumpscot river which was caused yesterday by the continuous rains of the past forty-eight hours was larger than any that has been known on this river for thirty-five years. In fact at eight o'clock last night more water was reported to be flowing over the dams at Westbrook than has ever been known since the mills were built, but the damage at this place was not as large as it was in 1895, because of the precautions which had been taken by the mill owners for just such emergencies. The expensive overflow canal which was constructed by the big Warren paper mills at Cumberland Mills more than paid for itself yesterday in relieving the mills of the great pressure they were subjected to in former freshets at this time of year.

The most serious damage resulting from the freshet, so far as reported up to a late hour last night, was the carrying away of the center span of the bridge of the Westbrook, Windham and Naples Electric road at Little River in Gorham, the loss of a foot bridge to the Dana mills at Westbrook, the damage which was done to the machinery of the Haskell silk mills, the Westbrook Electric Light and Power company at Westbrook and to other mills in that city, the damage to the roadbed of the Westbrook, Windham and Naples electric road and the Maine Central roadbed at South Windham by the overflowing of the tracks and the weakening of the town bridges all along the Presumpscot from Sebago Lake to the mouth of the river. Up to a late hour last night none of these two bridges had been carried away but a great many of them were said to be impassable and dangerous. It was thought that if the river continued to rise during the night as rapidly as it had risen during the day that great damage would result but the rain ceased to fall about half past seven o'clock, the wind swung around into the west, the sky cleared and the indications at that time were that there would be no more rain at present. Of course the immense amount of water which had fallen during the forty-eight hours found its way quickly into the valleys and thence into the main river and it would require some hours for it to run off, but when the property owners along the Presumpscot saw the moon break through the clouds they believed that the worst was over for the time being.

The most serious aspect of the freshet as far as Portland and the neighboring country was concerned was in the damage which was threatened to the water supply of this city. At Little River, which is in the town of Gorham the two water mains of the Portland Water company is brought across this narrow stream on a bridge about seventy feet long. This aqueduct bridge as it is called lies just above the town or highway bridge and on the other side of the highway bridge is the bridge of the Westbrook, Windham and Naples Electric road. About one o'clock the water in Little River had risen about eight feet above the normal height and was still rising at a rate of about a foot an hour. The ice, some twelve inches in thickness was brought down stream and lodged against the aqueduct bridge on which the two water mains were carried. Had this aqueduct bridge been carried away the entire district which depends upon Lake Sebago for its water supply would have been cut off and for a time the danger was imminent. This aqueduct bridge carries two big water mains, one a little larger than the other. These were laid on iron string pieces and supported by two or three strong stone abutments. The ice coming down stream was lodged against these abutments and the water climbed upwards until it flowed over the water mains.

At four o'clock in the afternoon the Portland Water company notified the chief of the fire department that the water of the city of Portland might be shut off at any moment if these water mains should be carried away. The manager of the company told the chief that everything that man could do to prevent the sweeping away of these water mains was

being done, but that they might go at any time. This would mean a water famine in Portland which would last for some days or until the mains were relaid. The reservoirs in the city would have supplied all of the ordinary needs of the citizens for a week or more, but the danger was from fire. Without water a fire department is worse off than a ship without a rudder, and the seriousness of the situation was realized by all who were informed of the situation.

Chief Eldridge immediately hunted up Mayor Robinson and informed him of the condition of affairs. The mayor ordered the chief to take such precautions in the emergency as he deemed best, and Chief Eldridge was prompt to act. He summoned in about eighty call men of the fire department and had them all ready to patrol the streets all night to be on hand for prompt action should a fire occur. A blaze which should get a good headway if the fire department had no water might result in a disastrous conflagration and the Chief Engineer and the Mayor were taking no chances.

It was reported several times during the evening that the water mains at Little River had gone but this could not be confirmed and about eight o'clock the chief engineer was notified by the officials of the Portland Water company that the danger was past and the water supply stood in no immediate danger of being cut off from the city. In consequence of this report the chief did not order the patrolmen on to the streets, but during the entire night the fire department was prepared for quick calls and instructed to take no chances.

There was some trouble with the water at Cumberland Mills during the evening, which was not explained, but Portland and Westbrook were said to be all right.

### THE WATER ROSE.

As everyone knows it began raining on Sunday and with frequent let ups it rained hard up to half past seven o'clock on Tuesday night. There was not a great amount of snow on the ground in this part of Cumberland county, but in the northern sections the snow was reported to be quite deep. As a result of the down pour of rain the water which ran over the frozen ground into the valleys swelled the tiny brooks into raging torrents and turned the Presumpscot into a veritable Niagara. The ice, thick and strong, was swept down the Presumpscot and threatened to do an immense amount of damage to property along the river banks. From four o'clock in the afternoon until eight o'clock last night the water rose at the rate of a foot an hour, and it was said that it would continue to rise at this rate for some hours to come.

Fortunately for Westbrook and the property along the river banks at that point and below, the ice from the upper reaches of the river together with the logs and debris of all kinds formed an immense jam at Mallion Falls about six miles above the city of Westbrook. This jam continued to increase in size and to hold back a great amount of water. It was apparent to everyone who saw this cause that it must break sooner or later because of the terrible force behind it and a break meant an immense amount of damage. But fortune seemed to favor those who live along the river banks. In this flood for late in the afternoon the point became strong ice and big logs when swept onward with terrific force is what causes the most damage.

At Little River, as has before been said, the situation was for a long time sufficient to cause the greatest alarm. The threatening of the water mains which

cross the Little river and supply Portland and the surrounding territory was what occasioned the greatest alarm, but here again fortune seemed to stand the water company in good stead. Man was helpless in the face of such a terrible force for the Little river had risen to a hitherto unknown point and the ice and debris tested the aqueduct bridge and the other bridges to their utmost. The ice piled up over the aqueduct bridge and at dark neither of the water mains could be seen. The town or highway bridge was overflowed and the water rushing through the gorge between its abutments broadened down on the pile bridge of the electric railroad below with irresistible force. The last car of the Westbrook, Windham and Naples Electric road crossed this bridge which was a pile construction at about half past eleven o'clock yesterday forenoon. At one o'clock the center span of the bridge gave way and communication with South Windham by means of the electric road was cut off. The highway bridge was also impassable and at dark it was feared that this bridge might also be carried away or at least badly damaged. At last accounts it was, however, still standing and will probably pull through all right. The tracks of the Westbrook, Windham and Naples electric road at Little Falls were covered with water for a distance of about two hundred feet on either side of the river. One immense block of ice weighing many tons had been lifted by the water and swung directly across the highway, completely blocking it. The hills which slope down to the Little river at this point were icy and dangerous, and between them the turbid waters of the Little river rushed on with a sudden roar to join the mighty flood in the Presumpscot below. It would have been a reckless man indeed who would have attempted to pass over this highway at Little River last night.

The watchers on the hill sides who were powerless to do anything, watched the rapidly rising waters and trembled for the safety of the aqueduct bridge on which so much depended. But though hidden from sight at dark it could be seen when the sky cleared about eight o'clock that the bridge was still safe, that the ice jam above the bridge had been torn away by the raging river and that the water mains were safe.

**OTHER BRIDGES THREATENED.**  
The towns which are required to maintain bridges across this treacherous Presumpscot are in constant fear of being obliged to expend a large amount of money every year in building new bridges. Yesterday the tax payers of these towns were very anxious and they had good reason to be. Nothing like this flood which filled the valley of the Presumpscot almost to the brim, has been known for thirty years.

The bridge owned by the city of Portland across the Presumpscot near River park, was almost overflowed last night and was said to be in danger, but at last reports it was still spanning the river. This is a new bridge which was constructed by the city after the flood of four years ago which worked such havoc in this vicinity. It is not probable that Prides' bridge will be at all damaged. No damage was reported up to a late hour from the upper reaches of the Presumpscot. The Robinson woolen mills, about a mile below the South Windham station, were not damaged in the least, though the high water forced them to close at an early hour. This was true also of all the other mills on the Presumpscot which depend upon the power of that river to operate their machinery. At South Windham village the highway bridge at that point, a wooden structure, was said to be overflowed and in danger of being swept away. The Maine Central railroad tracks, some distance from South Windham, were said to be overflowed and the trains over the Mountain division were as a consequence about two hours and a half late last night. The bridges adjoining the property of the Oriental Powder mills were said to have been swept away, but no other damage in that region was reported.

**RAGING FLOOD AT WESTBROOK.**  
It was at Westbrook and Cumberland Mills that the freshet on the Presumpscot caused the most alarm and excitement. In the forenoon when the river began to rise with alarming rapidity the mills all over the city were shut down and the workmen were turned out into the streets. Many of them instead of going home and getting under cover, remained about in sight of the river and watched the rapidly rising waters. At the rate of a foot an hour the river began to rise and it crept up and up until it lapped the lower floors of the mills along the river bank and still continued to creep upwards. At Cumberland Mills where the Presumpscot is forced through a narrow gorge between the big buildings of the largest paper mills in the world, which are owned by the S. D. Warren company, considerable anxiety was felt for a time. The river crept upwards until it had reached the level of the foot bridge between the mills, and even then it did not reach its full height. At one point it forced its way through the lower windows of one of the mills and the damage which resulted from this cause was large, but as it had been anticipated to some extent, it was not as great as it would otherwise have been.

When the big flood on the Presumpscot occurred four years ago the Warren mills were badly damaged by an ice jam which formed at this narrow gorge, and one of their buildings was carried away. To prevent this happening in the future the Warrens cut a big canal about 100 feet wide around their mills so as to give the river an outlet in case of a freshet. This canal was so arranged that it would act as a safety valve for the dam when there was a great pressure upon them. About half past eleven o'clock yesterday forenoon the flash boards at this dam carried away as they were expected to do when the strain became too great, and the overflow of the water into the canal resulted. The relief which was thus afforded to the river was great and it prevented great damage being done at the paper mills. As was remarked yesterday by almost everyone in Westbrook the canal more than paid for itself in a day by saving a big loss of property.

It was feared that if the ice jam at Mallion Falls should break away the water would sweep down the stream that it might take to the other side of the river as the Warren's mills and that the canal would not after all be of very much use. But as this jam did not carry away and the canal seemed to answer every requirement and fulfill all that was expected of it the proprietors of the mills were the subject for many congratulations because of their foresight in building the canal.

Four years ago this jam at the Warrens at Cumberland Mills, backed the water up towards Westbrook and undermined many buildings and caused incalculable damage beside carrying away the bridge of the Mountain Division of the Maine Central. This overflow prevented this from happening again and though there was more water rushing through Westbrook at 5 o'clock last night than has been known in a great many years, the damage which resulted was very small as the river had a clear passage on its way to the sea.

The magnificent sight at Westbrook, when viewed from the Bridge street bridge, attracted crowds of people not only from Westbrook, but from Portland as well. As night settled down over the scene the sight as viewed from this point was one of grandeur. Two dams, one above the other, can be seen from here. The upper one is known as the Dana dam, and furnishes the power for the Dana warp mills. The lower dam is called the Haskell dam and provides the power for the silk mills. Above the Dana dam the turbid boiling flood of the roaring Presumpscot could be seen now leaping upwards as it took the mighty plunge over the Dana dam and throwing high in the air a cloud of spray. Then it would seem to subside for a time, and again when a mighty piece of ice, strong and hard from the upper river, was swept over the Dana deep roar would come from the surrounding mills and another cloud of spray would be thrown into the air. Watching the ice it could be followed whirling about in the boiling tide, now caught by the eddy and swung to one side, now grasped in the mighty power of the main current and hastened onward towards the Haskell dam.

As it approached the lower dam the crowd would become suddenly silent, when the giant cake would poise for an instant over the falls and then with a splash, a roar, accompanied by a cloud of spray it would take the leap and be lost in the whirlpools below momentarily. But only for a moment. Suddenly it reappears close at hand sweeping onward towards the bridge where the spectators stand. It has lost some in size, but still is large enough to inflict great damage to the abutment of any bridge or the foundation of any building which it strikes as it is whirled onward. Sweeping the muddy river waves to one side it takes the eddy near the Haskell Silk mills and surges against the stone foundations with a crash which sounds like the falling of a house. The strong foundations tremble not, the ice cake is broken up into a hundred pieces and is lost in the flood below.

The scene has a fascination for the poor human being who stands in awe before this mighty power. The night settles down over the roaring river, the leaden canopy overhead grows blacker and more threatening, the night seems to hold in store more rain and consequently more dangers to those who dwell along the river banks. Now it begins to rain again. The wind rises and adds its puny roar to the deep reverberations from the raging flood below. The crowd scatters. The mill owners are making preparations for what ever may come and along the river banks and in the mills workmen are running about carrying lanterns making the scene more uncanny. The electric lights in Westbrook are out and the usually well lighted city is dark. The rising waters have interfered with the operation of the electric light plant of the Westbrook Light and Power company and not only Westbrook, but Dering as well, is left in darkness. Seven men are in the upper power station of the electric light company. When they try to leave the power house they find the water too deep to allow of their returning. Some of them are surrounded by the raging water, to be ready if the necessity arises. They are all forced to remain, however, and a fellow workman on shore gets for them a pot of hot coffee and a lunch which is hauled into the electric light station by means of a long rope.

The water has by this time reached the lower floors of the Haskell Silk mills and seems to be still rising.

"We are in for the worst flood we have yet seen," remarks a mill superintendent. "I hope that jam at Mallion Falls holds out. If it comes down upon us now the worst may happen."

There is a rush of feet down the main street, and out to the bridge. "The Dana bridge has gone down," shouts some one. All crowd about the bridge to see the remains of the bridge come down, but it does not come through the bridge, a small foot bridge, is said to have gone. This is the situation at 8 o'clock and then it appeared as if worst was to come. Suddenly there is a sudden streak of light in the western sky far up the river. It broadens and extends upwards. Now the whole west is lightening up, the wind rises and the scurrying clouds can be seen flying across the sky overhead. Patches of blue sky appear, now a twinkling star shines forth and then, like the transformation scene in a theatrical

the moon appears overhead, and the black, swollen river is turned into a shimmering, silver stream.

This change comes so quickly that it fairly takes one's breath away. The sombre threatening night is changed to one of beauty. The river, with all its noise and all its dangerous power has been transformed into one of the grandest spectacles that many in the crowd have ever witnessed.

The foaming waters above the dam reflect the silvery light of the moon, the lapping waves each hour upon its crest a million jewels, the ice cakes have become mirrors which reflect the brilliant light, the river has lost its terror and has become a scene of grandeur.

Below the bridge stretches away a mile, or nearly that, of tossing, bounding, eddy-swept river, which has inundated the tiny island above the railroad bridge and lost to view its forest of alder bushes. In the grand transformation come each whirling eddy, each bit of debris, each mighty whirlpool but adds to the picture. The Presumpscot has for once lost its power to make a whirl; does not seem longer to be an angry, sullen torrent, but a sparkling, dancing, frolic stream.

The stars are over. The danger has passed and Westbrook and all who dwell along the banks of this changeable Presumpscot sleep more easily on account of it. The waters still rise a few inches, and then begin to subside, and the damage from its sudden raging has amounted to little after all.

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To add to the effect which this success of the new company had last night, Union Station, where the lights of the Consolidated Electric Light company are used, was for a short time dark or ill lighted by lamps or lanterns. Of course this was soon remedied, but it showed that any electric lighting company is liable at times to accidents.

The cause for the steadiness of the Portland Electric Light company's lights may be explained. Their power station is within a short distance of Lake Sebago, where the falling rain has spread over a large extent of territory and not affected the height of the water in the lake with any great suddenness. The new company seemed able to control its water supply and to keep its machinery in motion in spite of the flood while lower down on the river where the Westbrook Electric Light company's plant is located, the sudden rising of the river had clogged the water wheels and brought their machinery to a stand still.

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Water Nearly Up To The Bridge—Fish Pond Overflowed.

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Crews of men were kept at work all day looking after the property of the Portland Railroad company in the vicinity of Riverton. A fine wire netting was stretched around the front pond at Riverton, near the ground for fear of an overflow which would result in the loss of the trout. No danger is feared unless a freshet should suddenly make its appearance, forcing everything before it. The canoe house at Riverton was flooded to the depth of about two feet.

The Presumpscot river at the point where it flows beneath the iron bridge at Riverton has risen to within eighteen inches of the top of the bridge. The river in that vicinity is quite free from ice and unless the river continues to rise during the next day or so, no serious difficulty is apprehended. There is, however, considerable ice that has been forced upon the shore. Late last evening the water had reached the top of the bridge. No special danger is feared for the safety of the bridge as it is a new iron one placed there only a few years ago.

The water began falling late last evening, and all danger of any trouble was over.

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**ROYAL RIVER UP.**  
High Water at Yarmouth But No Danger as Yet.  
Royal river in Yarmouth rose very rapidly all day yesterday and during the day rose several feet. Between twelve and three o'clock in the afternoon the river rose six inches. The river will probably continue to rise as there is considerable snow and ice back that must melt and help fill the streams. There is no special fear for the safety of the bridges unless the ice that is floating down the river should suddenly become blocked in the vicinity of the bridges.

**TRAINS WERE DELAYED.**  
The first delay that was felt in railroad traffic was in the evening when the train over the Mountain Division of the Maine Central, which is due to arrive in this city at 8:10 o'clock, did not come into the Union station until an hour and a half after that time. This train was late all along the road, but the tardiness in arriving in Portland was not due to the storm. There was only one washout that was at all bad along the line. This was on the tracks between the stations of Cumberland Mills and Westbrook Junction. Here this train was switched over to the tracks of the Worcester and Nashua division of the Boston and Maine. At Westbrook Junction it then returned to the regular Maine Central tracks and came into Portland as usual. The chief reason of the late arrival of the evening train was that prompt connection had not been made with St. Johnsbury.

The freshet at Gardiner is the worst that has been known in many years. On account of this alone the night Pullman train which is due to arrive in this city at 1:40 o'clock this morning had not arrived at the time of going to press, and the officials of the road stated at a late hour last evening that there was little likelihood that this train would reach Portland before seven o'clock this morning.

The train that is due to arrive at 3:45 o'clock will reach the city at just about the same time, as this other train. As clearing weather followed the storm last night, there is not likely to be any delay in the Maine Central traffic today. All of the trains over the Boston and Maine departed from and arrived in this city on regular schedule time, the storm not having caused the slightest damage to this road.

**HAR MILLS.**  
Bar Mills, February 14.—It is raining very hard here this forenoon and the river is rising rapidly. The brooks and ponds are all filled and the entire rainfall is emptying into the river. If the rain continues twenty-four hours longer much damage will result.

**WEST BUXTON.**  
West Buxton, February 13.—The rainfall here last night was very heavy. Even if it should stop at the present time fears are entertained for the safety of the bridges, as the rivers are already full to the banks and the ice is fourteen inches thick and the danger of its breaking up is very great.

**CHALLENGE FROM FITZ.**  
New York, February 13.—Bob Fitzsimmons today posted \$1000 with the sporting editor of the New York Journal as a forfeit to bind another match with Jim Jeffries, and issued an open challenge to meet any fighter in the world.

**DROWNED HIS HENS.**  
Woodford Man Loses Valuable Breeds By Storm.  
Mr. Charles T. Hooper, residing on Woodford avenue, in a house adjoining Lewis hall was the victim of quite a loss yesterday as a result of the heavy rainfall. The culverts did not carry off the water properly and as a result a miniature flood soon poured in upon the premises of Mr. Hooper. At the rear of the house Mr. Hooper has several smaller hen houses in which he keeps quite a large number of choice breed of hens.

The water flowed into the yard with such rapidity that soon the hen houses were flooded and before Mr. Hooper could rescue the birds twelve of them had died from drowning. The stock of poultry was then removed to the shed adjoining the house where they remained in safety, although the water eventually found its way into the shed and covered the floor. The cellar of his house was also filled to the depth of several feet.

On Norwood street the part that is now under process of construction there was a pool of water several feet deep across the street and on the low lands. Several cellars in the vicinity of Woodfords were quite badly filled with water.

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# DEPARTMENT OF MAINE.

State G. A. R. Meeting  
in Portland Today.

Delegates Had Begun to Assemble  
Last Evening.

Meeting of Council of  
Administration.

Contest for Commandership—  
Camp Fire Tonight.

The thirty-second annual encampment of the G. A. R. department of Maine begins here today. This morning the delegates from the east will arrive though quite a number had put in their appearance last night. The headquarters of the department were opened at the Falmouth hotel last evening. This encampment is to be one of the most interesting the department has ever had and a large attendance is expected. This afternoon the reports of the department officers will be read and other business transacted. On Thursday at ten o'clock the election of a department commander and other officers will occur. The Ladies' Relief corps of Maine and the National Ladies' Relief corps will also hold sessions in Portland, the one in the Gospel Mission hall and the other in the council chamber, city building. The department meetings will be in City hall.

Tonight will occur the grand campfire at the Auditorium, and 400 guests are expected to be entertained by Bowdoin Post. Col. C. P. Mattocks will preside and many distinguished men will speak. The council of administration met at the Falmouth hotel at eight o'clock last evening. Department Commander Robie presided and all of the twelve members were in attendance. The session continued for about an hour, only routine business, however, being disposed of. Everything was cleared up in preparation for the programme of today.

During the day Assistant Adjutant Edward C. Swett received a telegram from Assistant Adjutant Edward P. Froble of the Department of Massachusetts that Commander-in-Chief Shaw had been called to his home at Watertown, N. Y., by the serious illness of his wife. Later reports are that Mrs. Shaw died yesterday. On account of this sad event it will be impossible for Commander Shaw to attend the encampment of the Department of Maine. Great regret is felt by the veterans on this account.

## FOR COMMANDERSHIP.

Seth Snipe of Bath and Major Clayton of Bangor the Two Candidates.

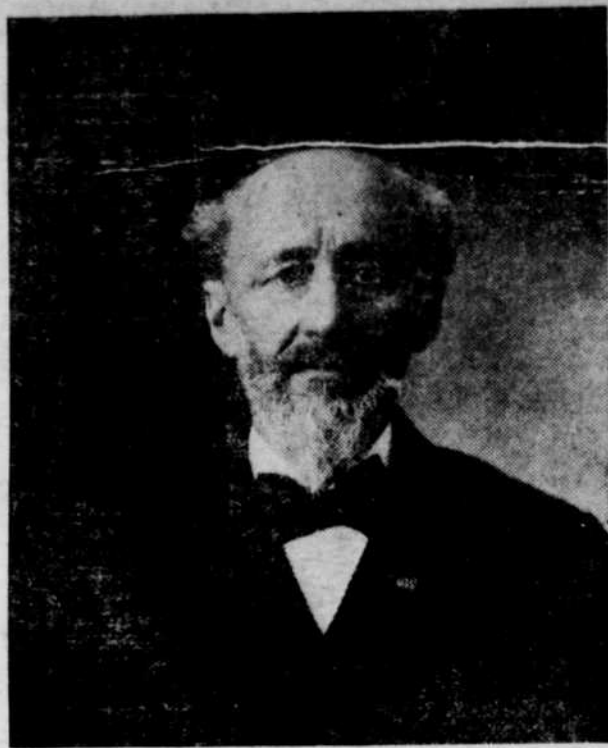
The 331 annual encampment of the Maine Department of the G. A. R. which convenes in this city today and continues on Thursday, will witness a lively fight for the position of Department Commander to succeed ex-Gov. Robie. There are four candidates in the field Maj. William Z. Clayton of Bangor, and Seth T. Snipe of Bath. The other two candidates John P. Swasey of Canton, and Comrade Johnson are not really in the race, but are, as one G. A. R. man expressed it last night, getting a foothold for another race next year.

Mr. Snipe was defeated at Bangor last February by Ex-Gov. Robie by a small majority and has since that time been actively engaged in furthering his canvass for the place this year. Maj. Clayton's name was first mentioned for this position at the time of the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Philadelphia. He was brought forward, so it is said, by some of the Portland men who are active in his interest. Maj. Clayton comes to Portland this year with a handsome backing from the past in the Eastern part of the State. It is also said that he will have the support of some of the Portland delegates.

Maj. Clayton is one of Maine's brilliant soldiers, and is prominent in business in Bangor. He was born in Maine, and at the outbreak of the rebellion was living in Minnesota. At the first call to arms he enlisted as a private in the 1st Minnesota battery. He was promoted to sergeant in the fall of 1861 and participated with his battery in the first great battle of the west, Shiloh, and when the lieutenant commanding his section fell wounded Sgt. Clayton succeeded to the command, fighting his battery with conspicuous ability all the afternoon until he fell, severely wounded, in the fatal "Hornet's Nest," near the close of the battle.

Major Clayton served as acting lieutenant in this battle of Corinth, and afterward was given a commission as lieutenant of his battery on account of his bravery. He was again promoted to captain, and served with his battery in the siege of Vicksburg from

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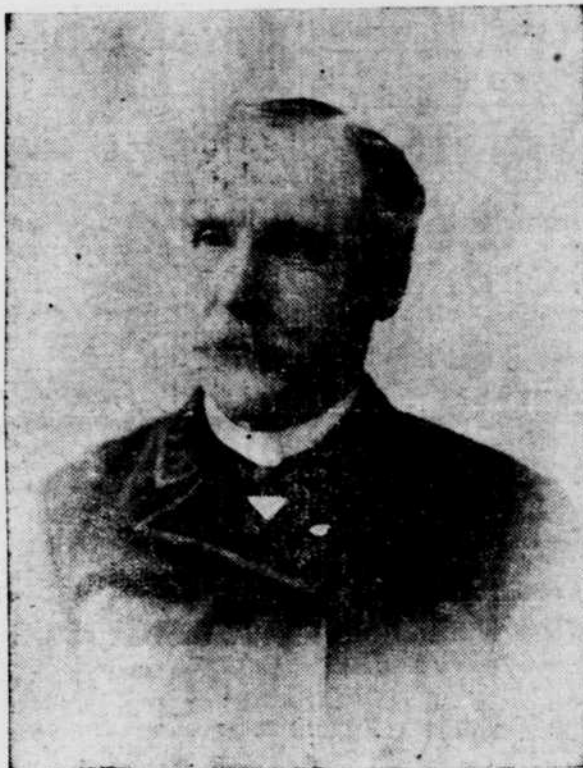
SETH SNIPE.

its investment to its surrender, and in the army of the Tennessee from its organization until its muster out in July, 1865. In the Atlanta campaign Maj. Clayton was appointed chief of artillery of the 4th division, 17th army corps, and on Sherman's march from Atlanta to the sea he was in command of artillery of the 15th corps.

At the siege of Savannah he had charge of the artillery, which bombarded Fort McAllister, and he and the signal officer were the first two officers to enter the fort, where the rebel commander surrendered to Maj. Clayton the headquarters flag, which he still has in his possession.

the 22 annual elections of the department, the honor has been bestowed eight times within the 1st Congressional district, 10 times within the 2d, nine times within the 3d and five times within the 4th. It is 18 years since Bangor has been the home of the commander of the Maine G. A. R.

Mr. Snipe has been identified with the business interests of Bath for many years. At the breaking out of the rebellion he was residing in Boston and was then 17 years of age. On August 20, 1862, he enlisted in the 4th Massachusetts regiment, and was a participant in all of its battles. He returned to Maine in 1867 and engaged in business in Bath, where



MAJOR WILLIAM Z. CLAYTON.

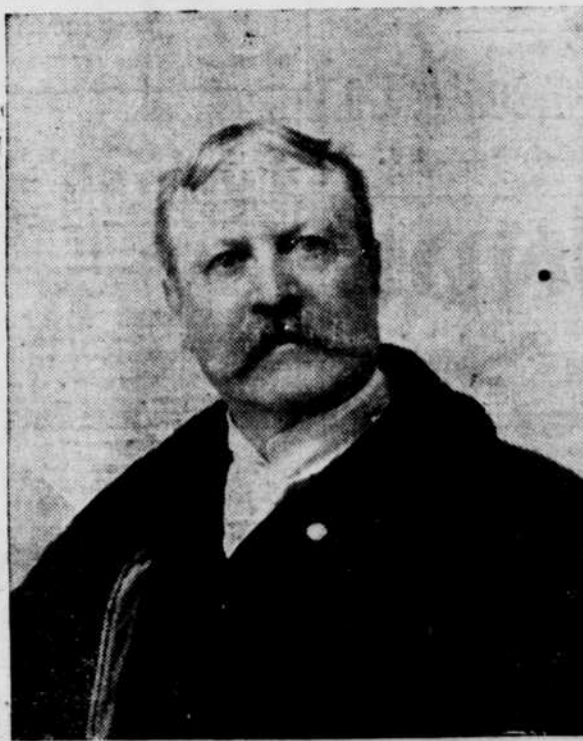
At Columbia, S. C., under the protecting fire of Clayton's artillery, Sherman's sharpshooters crossed the river and captured the city, and when the union flag was unfurled over the old rebel capital Maj. Clayton was ordered by Gen. Sherman—in recognition of his gallant and distinguished services—to fire the salute of 100 guns. Returning to Maine at the close of the war, Maj. Clayton has since resided in Bangor, where he enjoys the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

The claims of the Bangor Grand Army men that that city should have the honor of being the home of the department commander are based on the fact that in

he has ever since resided.

He has been active in politics, having been a member of the common council for two years, one year as president, and of the board of aldermen for six years, two years as its president. He is a director of the Bath National bank and a trustee of the People's Deposit and Savings bank, and is also treasurer of the People's Ferry company.

He has been a trustee of the Bath military and naval orphan asylum for 17 years, and for 10 years he has been president of the board. He joined Sedgwick post, 4, of Bath, in 1877, and for 17 years he held various offices in the post. He has been a delegate to nearly all of the



ADJ. GEN. E. C. SWETT.

national encampment held during the past few years and has always taken a great interest in Grand Army matters.

It is generally agreed among the veterans that either man would make an excellent department commander. Both candidates are the warmest of friends and both are very popular with the order throughout the State. The election of department commander will probably take place Thursday forenoon.

## MASSACHUSETTS G. A. R.

Peter D. Smith Elected Department Commander.

Boston, February 13.—A good attendance despite inclement weather, marked the annual encampment of the Massachusetts department of the G. A. R., which convened in Faneuil hall today. A feeling of sadness pervaded the sessions, occasioned by news of the death of the wife of National Commander-in-Chief Albert D. Shaw of Watertown, N. Y., whose illness prevented the latter's attendance at the convention today and were attentively listened to. Department Commander Gilman's report showed the number of comrades December 31, 1899, to be 19,227, net loss during the year of 633 and 211 posts, a net loss of two. During the afternoon officers elected, Senior Vice Commander Peter D. Smith of Andover, being advanced to the position of department commander by a vote of 401 in a total of 673 votes. A pleasant feature of the afternoon was a visit from the ladies of the G. A. R., several of whom made speeches, to which Department Commander Gilman responded.

The sessions will be resumed tomorrow morning.

At the afternoon session of the Relief Corps, to which were referred the reports of the various officers, made their reports and all of their recommendations were adopted. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner presented the name of Mrs. Mary G. Deane of Fall River as a candidate for the office of national president, and several speeches in her support were made by ladies present. The convention voted by acclamation to give Mrs. Deane its support.

The convention voted to dispense with the evening session and adjourned until tomorrow morning when officers will be chosen.

## EXCLUDE CIVIC LEAGUE.

Bath Republicans Refuse to Allow Members to Take Part in Caucus.

Bath, February 13.—The Republican caucus held in this city tonight placed Charles E. Hyde in nomination for mayor. Previous to the nomination, Hon. James W. Wakefield, chairman of the Republican city committee, presented a resolution not allowing the Christian Civic League members to take part who refuse to abide by the Republican party. Speeches followed by R. E. Southard, a member of the Civic League, and Mr. Wakefield, the former requesting the withdrawal of the resolution. A bitter personal controversy ensued, but the resolution was finally accepted. There was a large crowd in attendance and considerable interest was manifested in the meeting.

## CARPENTERS ORGANIZE.

Monday evening at Lesters' hall, the carpenters of this city were organized by C. F. Stubbs, organizer, American Federation of Labor in a branch union of the Brotherhood of carpenters and joiners of America. The meeting was largely attended and it was voted to keep the charter list open for two weeks. The new union will meet at No. 45 Exchange street, Monday at 8 p. m. This union is in no way connected with the carpenters' union which had trouble with the Longshoremen's society about work on the English steamers. Mr. Stubbs has organized five unions in Portland in the last few weeks.

## MONTGOMERY GUARDS' HALL.

The great question today with a good many people of Portland is: Are you going to the Montgomery's ball next Tuesday. This event is to be at City hall this year, and Capt. Hogan intends to show his patrons one of the best drills the Guards ever gave and the committee has arranged for an enjoyable order of dances on this occasion.

## ONE CLUB LACKING.

Chicago, February 13.—At a stormy session at the Great Northern hotel the new American Baseball association was formally organized with seven clubs today. A committee was appointed to secure the eighth city. The clubs now include Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Louisville, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

## MRS. CATT WINS OUT.

Washington, February 13.—The National American Woman's Suffrage association today elected Mrs. Carrie Catt of New York, president of the association for the ensuing year to succeed Susan B. Anthony. Mrs. Blake withdrew her name before any nominations were made. With the exception of the president, all of the old officers were elected.

## DIRECTORS AGAINST LEASE.

Boston, February 13.—The directors of the Fitchburg railroad at a meeting here today refused to ratify the proposition to lease the Fitchburg to the Boston and Maine railroad by a vote of eight to five. The directors also passed a second vote leaving the entire question of the lease to the stockholders.

## JUDGE WISWELL PRESIDES.

South Paris, February 13.—The February term of the Oxford County Supreme court, Chief Justice Wiswell presiding, opened here today. It has been 19 years since a chief justice has presided over the Supreme court in this town. There are no prisoners in the county jail awaiting the action of the grand jury. Jurors were impaneled for civil cases, assignments for 15 being made today. A short term is expected.

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## AWAITING DECISION.

There Will Be No Change in Kentucky Situation for Awhile.

Louisville, Ky., February 13.—It is reasonably certain the political situation will remain in its present quiet state until a decision has been handed down by the Court of Appeals.

Tomorrow the Democrats will bring a suit for an injunction to restrain Governor Taylor from exercising any of the functions of the office of Governor. It is expected a temporary injunction will be granted.

Senator Triplett introduced a joint resolution providing that when the legislature adjourns Thursday it shall be to meet Friday at Frankfort. Under the rules it lies over one day.

The Senate then adjourned until tomorrow. The House met at one o'clock. A bill was offered making January Gov. Goebel's birthday, a legal holiday in the state.

MISS KATHERINE ROBER AND FINE SUPPORTING COMPANY PACKS PORTLAND THEATRE IN SPIRIT OF TERRIBLE STORMS.

Two more crowded houses witnessed two great productions of New York success. The play for the matinee today will be one of the most famous plays of the day that so much has been read about, "The Clemenceau Case," with its great studio scene in which Miss Rober will pose as the statue.

## TO BE CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR.

OFFICIAL TO THE PRESS  
Biddeford, February 13.—Nathaniel B. Walker, an ex-alderman and ex-city solicitor, is to be the majority candidate of the Citizens' party, which has been in power four years. The choice was made tonight at a meeting of the executive committee of the Citizens' Municipal association, the vote being close between him and Alderman North M. West.

## RIOTS AT MARTINIQUE.

Port De France, Martinique, Feb. 13, (via Haytian cables).—The riotous disturbances in this island continue. A house was burned yesterday at Deschamps and today there were risings at several points. A mob of about 1,200 rioters invaded La Gentin and La Soudor, where they obstructed the thoroughfares to such an extent that travellers were only able to circulate when accompanied by gen d'armes.

Three hundred rioters occupy Morne Pavillon and there is an uprising at Riviere Selee which has no troops to protect it. A numerous band of rioters has assembled at the Ladillon Iron Works, four kilo-meters from here. A despatch from Paris announcing that M. Rene Viviani, a social member of the chamber of deputies, has asked for 50,000 francs for the benefit of the strikers has caused a painful impression among the planters.

The board of arbitrators has granted an increase of wages of 25 per cent. The cane crop is abundant, but the recent events render work impossible and the loss will be considerable.

## HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED.

Kingston, Jam., February 13.—The British steamer Tagus, which has arrived here from Colon, reports heavy fighting last week around Barranquilla, where the insurgent forces were pressing Carthagena for the purpose of cutting off Bogota from mail communications. Rodriguez, it is further asserted, has escaped from Pto Hic with two hundred fellow prisoners and has a quantity of arms.

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Governor Tanner seems likely to be a formidable candidate for Senator Chilton's seat. He has taken the Senator in the primaries in the latter's own country, and is making a vigorous contest all over the state.

Everybody that knows anything about trusts, and a good many who know nothing are getting opportunity to air their views at the anti-trust conference. But all it is all over the trust question will be no nearer settlement than before.

The Mollieux verdict still continues a fruitful source of discussion in New York, and there is a good deal of criticism of the verdict, on the ground that the evidence was not conclusive enough to warrant a verdict of guilty when a man's life was at stake, and the belief is strong that the Court of Appeals will grant a new trial. It is likely to take a year to reach a decision, and the time intervening Mollieux will have to spend at Sing Sing. The case is no escape from that, his counsel says.

We do not believe that there ever was any chance that Governor Rossvelt would accept a nomination for the Vice Presidency. He has aspirations for an office higher than that, and one to which the Vice Presidency is not a stepping stone except in case of death. Nevertheless, the evident desire of a good many influential politicians that Rossvelt should take the nomination—a desire born of their own interests rather than of his—and their constant agitation to that end made it was for the Governor to put his feet down with a decisive no.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean thinks the refusal of Congress to follow the President's recommendation in regard to Porto Rico has diminished annexation sentiment in Cuba. Perhaps a good many Americans will not grieve on that account, though it may be fairly said that of all the islands that the Spanish war put under our control, Cuba is the one whose annexation would be most beneficial to this country, provided it came about with the desire and consent of the Cuban people.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union seems to have good ground for proceeding against Mrs. Langtry's scheme for raising money for the hospital ship Maine. According to her own showing it seems to be a thoroughly disreputable scheme, though not quite so bad as it was at first represented. As first described an English bar to be set up with prominent society women of the city to serve as bar maids, mixing and selling the drinks, but Miss Langtry says men will perform this part of the function, while the women will sell oysters and confectionery. There is no question that most of the receipts are expected to come from intoxicating drinks, and that the presence of the women is expected to contribute indirectly at least to their sale.

A forward movement under General Lord Roberts is expected soon for the relief of Kimberley, which is said to be in dire straits. General Roberts' column will number about 35,000 men, and it is supposed he will undertake to flank the Boer position in his front. The country is better adapted for the success of such a movement than that around Ladysmith. The number of the Boer forces in front of Lord Roberts is not very definitely known, but there are signs that recently they have been reinforced by some of the troops that have been besieging Mafeking. The British are building high hopes on Lord Roberts. Though he has never commanded a large army, yet he seems to have repeatedly proved that he was a matter of strategy, thoroughly competent to conduct much larger enterprises than any that have fallen to him in the past. So many great military reputations have perished in South Africa, however, that the British public though confidently expecting his success will not be entirely unprepared for failure.

The law authorizing the election of three women to the school board devolves the selection of candidates upon the conventions which nominate candidates for Mayor. It is now suggested by the Democratic city committee that if some arrangement could be brought about by which both conventions would select the same women the matter would be kept out of partisan politics, and there would be greater certainty of getting the women who are best fitted for the position. It is argued that many of the best women will refuse to permit the use of their names if there is to be a contest in which they may be publicly discussed. There may be some truth in this but to adopt the plan suggested by the Democratic city committee is practically to take the election of the women members of the school committee out of the hands of the voters and place it in the hands of the two conventions entirely, and of this there is a better plan than that provided for in the statute, but it is not that plan. That plan contemplates the ultimate selection of school committee by

the voters, and it would seem to be a usurpation of authority for the city committee to devise a scheme that will practically take it away from them as this one will. We do not think there is much danger that any woman competent for the school board will decline a nomination from any fear that she may have an antagonist. Men never refuse to stand as candidates for any such reason, and we do not believe women will. Indeed, we are inclined to think that the people who have been most interested in the movement to place women on the school committee would resent the suggestion that the women do not wish special protection or any different rule applied to women candidates than to men. When we first read the suggestion of the Executive committee we were inclined to look upon it with favor, but the more we consider it the less desirable it seems. If it were adopted as a permanent plan the result would be that a very few people would regularly select the women members of the school committee. This would make trouble and a lot of it.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

### ENGLISH OPPOSITION TO THE WAR.

(London Dispatch to New York Times.)  
Notwithstanding the riotous proceedings taking place in various parts of the country to suppress freedom of speech and independence of mind, there is a steadily increasing sentiment of resistance springing up against the continuance of this war one moment after a decent protest can be found for bringing it to an end. In my opinion the liberal defeat at York was much less thorough than might have been expected; certainly less thorough than a similar contest in South England would have been. Were an election to take place in a town like Canterbury, another cathedral city, I should be surprised if the man who had the courage to stand on the anti-war side polled 50 per cent of the number voting. In London, notwithstanding the leaven of determined men who are combining and agitating and struggling against the war fever, I think the board would be swept of liberal members were a general election to take place now.

And yet the opposition is growing, and will grow. What we see now is more the product of passionate rage and bravado than an exhibition of deliberate opinion or thoughtful reflection. Human passions are proverbially flimsy, and the very energy and determination with which everything like hostility to the war is now hounded down to my mind forebodes an early change in the bent of popular passion. Unless a victory of a striking kind comes soon to our armies, the rage that has impelled savage mobs to enter on a property wrecking campaign at Mafeking, the more golden children, is likely to swing round and become fury against those whom they will consider their deluders.

### EMINENTLY A CHRISTIAN DAILY.

(From the Kansas City Times.)  
Editor Sheldon says he will retain the working force of the Topeka Capital until he is at the helm. This decision, of course, means that the services of the circulation swearer will not be dispensed with.

### HE BALKS AND BUCKS.

(Boston Advertiser.)  
T. Roosevelt, rough rider and hero of the Cuban war, is a man of decided and emphatic personal opinions. Mr. Roosevelt never has to go to other people to find out what he wants or what is best for himself. Sen. Platt of New York recently decided that Mr. Roosevelt ought to want to be vice-president for a number of reasons. One reason was that Mr. Platt thought that Mr. Roosevelt would make a good vice-president, and another reason was that Mr. Platt had in mind somebody else who, he thought, would just fill the bill as governor of New York. Accordingly, Mr. Platt stated very clearly with great directness his nomination, Mr. Hansen of Ohio introducing no objection. Mr. Roosevelt, however, has proved as balky as a bucking bronco. He not only refused to advance to consider the nomination, but he also clinches matters by coming out in an interview denouncing the Niagara treaty, which the President has just had signed with Great Britain. It is quite safe to say that Mr. Roosevelt will not be on the national ticket with Mr. McKinley next November.

### THE MAGAZINES.

The Review of the Month, in Gunton's for February occupies sixteen pages, presenting an abundance of reliable information and editorial comment on the progress of affairs at home and abroad. The opening article is on Cheap Labor in the South, by Professor Jerome Dowd, of the Department of Economics and Sociology in Trinity College, North Carolina. To this article the editor has a rejoinder entitled, What Can Be Done About It? giving some results of a personal investigation of southern conditions and arguing for child-labor legislation in the South.

Noteworthy features of McClure's for February are Walter Wellman's account of the extraordinary experiences of his last year's Arctic expedition; Governor Boutwell's reminiscences of the Grant Administration, under which he himself was a member of the Cabinet; Mr. Alleyne Ireland's exposition of the relative strength of the great powers in colonial territory, population, and resources; Cleveland Moffett's account of the latest discoveries and speculations regarding the composition of the interior of the earth, as unfolded in conversations with the great earthquake expert, Professor John Milne; and Ray Stannard Baker's intimate biographical and character study of the new Governor of Cuba, General Leonard Wood. All of these articles, except Governor Boutwell's, are fully illustrated.

The leading article in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for February is entitled South Sea Bubbles in Science, and sounds a much-needed warning against the credulity of the general public toward anything labeled science, and their readiness to put money into enterprises depending on promises about which they know nothing. It is written by Prof. Townbridge, of Harvard University. The mechanism of the trolley car is clearly described and pictured by William Baxter, Jr., C. E. Prof. Charles A. Briggs, who was recently expelled from the Presbyterian Church and immediately admitted to the Episcopal ranks, contributes an interesting and very timely article under the title Is the Christian Religion Declining? His beliefs are in the decline of science during the nineteenth century are in this number. It is illustrated by Henry of Geology, and by Prof. L. Conde the veteran geologist

of the University of California, and author of one of the most popular geologies of the day.

The February number of The National Magazine of Boston is bright and timely, and in contents and appearance is hardly a trifle among the ten-cent periodicals. One of its most interesting articles is entitled The Fall of Richmond, which gives an inside view of the closing scenes of the great Civil War. It is illustrated by rare photographs never before published, and is one of the strongest historical articles offered to magazine readers for the current month.

Professor Charles H. Levermore's wise and colorful estimate of Thomas Hutchinson, Tory Governor of Massachusetts, contributed to the New England Magazine for February, shows the governor to have been a man whose sterling worth has been better appreciated since time has softened many of our prejudices. "The unqualified arithmetical which once enveloped the Loyalists in execration as traitors, renegades and dastards," says Professor Levermore, "is now changing to a respectful consideration of the reasons for their position. Perhaps the events in our history between the years 1801 and 1865 have cast a new light upon the terms 'loyalist' and 'rebel'." Several portraits of the governor still exist, and are reproduced in connection with the article, and the illustrations also include views of the governor's old home, still standing in Milton.

The topics editorially treated in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for February are the Nicaragua Canal proposition now before Congress, the Canadian and Erie Canal projects, underground transit in New York and elsewhere, the currency and business situation, the Treasury and the banks, the popular election of Senators, Mr. Beveridge's speech in the Senate on the Philippine question, our tariff policy in Porto Rico and Cuba, the meaning of "neutrality" in the Boer war, and the strength and weakness of the Boer position.

Albion's Magazine for February is notable for an extraordinarily varied table of contents. Perhaps the most valuable contribution is the character sketch of Cecil Rhodes, by Allan Sangster. Harry Thurston Peck, in an article on "The Decade's Immortal Books," contends that this is the most sterile decade of the century, holding that only two works of the period will live. The United States of the World, by George Leland Hunter, is a paper of great significance at this stage of the world's politics. The curfew of the Wilmington up the Amazon is vividly described by E. H. Coleman, while G. H. Payne tells of Howard Gould's transatlantic cruise in the Niagara. Both articles have noteworthy illustrations.

### FRENCH OYSTERS.

Look Billions, Taste Brassy and Make an American Home.

"Oysters," says Albion W. Tourgee, our consul at Bordeaux, "are a luxury in Europe. The natural beds have been exhausted, and the American beds rapidly are becoming, and artificial culture has long been depended upon for a supply of this luscious bivalve. The chief breeding ground in France is the Bassin d'Arcachon, a triangular tidal bay, about nine miles on each side, entirely landlocked and opening out to the Gulf of Gascony (bay of Biscay) into the department of Gironde by a narrow channel about three miles in length. The coast is sandy and deserted. A solid forest of maritime pines, hand planted in this century, has checked the inland march of the sand dunes and protects the basin from the southwest winds, which blow 50 out of the 52 weeks of each year.

"The shallow bay is networked with navigable channels, between which at low tide rise the half clay, half sand flats utilized for breeding the succulent mollusk. During the low spring tides the flats are covered with quantities of a cheap variety of ordinary roofing tiles, which previously has been coated with a sort of coarse whitewash. The spawn brought in by high water catches on these tiles, and the lime of the whitewash helps the little mollusk to form his first shell.

"Toward winter these tiles are taken up and carefully scraped. The oysters, as large now as one's thumb nail, are spread in flat covered trays, or baskets, of closely woven osier to protect them from the starfish, crabs and other enemies, and moved nearer the salt marshes on the east side of the basin, to grow. When they have become a little accustomed to an independent existence, they are placed in trenches, a little below water level, which are provided with electric gates, by which they can be flooded at will.

"They thus are prevented from being chilled in winter or dried up in summer and are protected easily from enemies, the gates being covered with wire netting of fine mesh. But the primary aim of the gates is to accustom them to being deprived of water—that is, to teach them to keep their valves tightly closed when out of it. In about 18 months their education in that respect is complete, and they are raked up, barreled and sent on a journey of several days to the copper rocks at Marennes, France, and to Whitstable, England, to fatten and assume the billious green tint and brassy color demanded by Europeans. About 250,000,000 are shipped annually. The work on the beds is done by barefooted men and women, both clad in bright crimson knee breeches and sweaters, which render the sexes quite indistinguishable. The regular trenches and dikes, kept in place with spades interlaced with wattles, look like a Dutch garden.

"To one accustomed to the plump, clean white and gray American bivalve the flabby, yellow or greenish European specimen is not inviting. The shells are flat, thin, irregular and as slimy and corrugated as an old baroque, while the innards are about the size and thickness of a 50 cent piece for a five inch shell. On the spot they sell from 7 to 10 cents a dozen. Elsewhere they command more, and the greener the higher price.

"Oysters are never eaten here except on the half shell. A suggestion to put them into soup or patties, to scallop or stew them, shocks a French chef as a proposition to broil a watermelon would a Carolina cook. I think a pan roast would be regarded here as little less than sacrilege. Even when by much persistence you have achieved some form of cooked oyster the chances are infinite that the most noticeable result will be a fit of homesickness caused by regretful memories of the delicious Blue Points or succulent Lynn Haven Bays. It is to be hoped that our oyster men will learn and practice the art of propagating and nourishing the oyster so as to preserve both its superior size and flavor."—New York Press.

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## THE SUBURBS.

### The Floods in South Portland.

### "Paddy Harrington's Pond" Revived.

### Democratic Caucuses Last Evening.

### Westbrook Republican Caucuses Tonight.

Not since the days when "Paddy Harrington's Lake" itself was a topographical feature of a certain section of this country and so recognized on every well constructed map of earlier times has South Portland seen just such a genuine flood as that of yesterday. The situation of this ancient body of water was near that stretch of land now bounded by Broadway, High, Sawyer and contiguous streets, and if the old lake had been resurrected, so to speak, the appearance of things in this vicinity could not have been materially different from that of yesterday, save that houses might possibly have been seen along the border of the old lake, while yesterday they were a matter of fact, standing straight up in the center of the flood.

This condition of affairs as everybody knows, was brought about by the terrific southeast wind, heavy rain and high tide which caused the water to back up to the harbor through the sewers. We say from the harbor, and proof of it is found in the fact that Mr. Merrill's cellar, on the corner of East High and Sawyer streets, was literally filled with salt water.

Looking up School street across the expanse of water could be seen Leoman's large tipped over. Early in the morning the water broke up high enough to float the top of the barge, and carrying it off the runners, the top emerged over by virtue of its own weight.

Quincy Dyer had a horse in a stable on this street, and as the horse did not stand so very many hands high, naturally some anxiety was felt for his safety. A rescuing party was sent in a punt and not too soon, for on arrival the parties found the water up to the horse's body, and grain scattered on the waters from the stable to the People's M. E. church.

Two or three men were heard at work talking out John Howell's house on High street, and all along the district others were similarly engaged. The track of the Cape Elizabeth railroad was flooded on Sawyer street just above the post office, and the water poured on to Free street, making travel along West High street impracticable for the ordinary wayfarer.

Other parts of the city suffered from the heavy rains, not so much so, however, and generally speaking our city yesterday was in a state of water-logged.

#### NO SCHOOL SIGNALS.

The school authorities have agreed on a system of signals for tractors and scholars in case of no school. The matter, so far as the schools in South Portland village are concerned, was left in the hands of Committees Tilton and Dr. Brown. They have adopted the following system. In case of no school at 8 o'clock a. m. the bell of the People's church will give five distinct taps with a pause which will be followed with five more taps. For one session the same signal will be sounded at 11:30 in the morning. The signals outside of the village proper will be regulated by Superintendent Kaler, who will cause the bells at Town House and Brown's Hill church to ring, and other sections will be notified by telephones at Blush's drug store, Knightville, at Knapp Bros' store, Pleasantdale, and at Bowery Petch.

#### PETITION FOR ADDITIONAL MAIL SERVICE.

A petition to the Postmaster General is being circulated representing that every Sunday at 8 a. m. the mail leaves Portland for Knightville, Willard, Pleasantdale and Fort Williams, while mail for South Portland is retained in Portland till 7 a. m. Monday. South Portland is on the same route as the other places just mentioned and during the week the mail for all these places is delivered on the same trips. It is represented by the petitioners that the discrimination on Sunday whereby South Portland loses said Sunday morning delivery causes serious delays and great inconvenience to the citizens of the latter place and request is made that mail be delivered on Sunday at 8 a. m., the same as is now done at other offices along the route.

#### DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

The Democratic ward caucuses were held last evening at the several ward rooms of the city. There was no excitement, everything passing off smoothly. The following is the result of the caucuses:

#### WARD ONE.

Chairman—Willis F. Strout.  
Secretary—C. W. Strout.  
For Alderman—Sherman G. Willard.  
Warden—Willis F. Strout.  
Ward Clerk—C. W. Strout.  
Constable—John F. Place.  
Delegates—Freeman Willard.  
City Committee—Fred C. Morrill, W. H. Smith, E. D. Thompson, W. E. Strout, S. G. Willard.

#### WARD TWO.

Chairman—Hiram W. Dyer.  
Secretary—Andrew J. Oliver.  
For Alderman—Harry W. Dyer.  
School Committee—David O. Moulton.  
Warden—Hiram W. Dyer.  
Ward Clerk—D. O. Moulton.  
Constable—Edwin Fowler.  
Delegates—Sumner R. Smart.  
City Committee—F. L. Paige, S. R. Smart, Hiram W. Dyer, Wm. H. Jewett, S. F. Jellison.

#### WARD THREE.

Chairman—C. A. Tilton.  
Secretary—Albert E. Dyer.  
For Alderman—C. A. Tilton.  
Warden—L. F. Aray.  
Ward Clerk—A. R. Skinner.  
Constable—A. R. Skinner.  
Delegates—H. Dyer.  
City Committee—M. H. Dyer, F. J. Dyer, W. A. Willard, W. F. Mail, W. A. Skinner.

#### WARD FOUR.

Chairman—George H. Weeks, Jr.  
Secretary—James K. Turner.  
For Alderman—Clarence H. Dodge.  
Warden—J. K. Turner.  
Ward Clerk—Otis Dyer.  
Constable—Thomas F. O'Neill.  
Delegates—Horace F. Davis.  
City Committee—H. F. Davis, J. K. Turner, W. J. Farrell, Otis S. Dyer, G. H. Weeks, Jr.

#### WARD FIVE.

Chairman—Fred P. Seaman.  
Secretary—James Otis Kaler.  
For Alderman—Frank P. Seaman.  
School Committee—George T. Delano.  
Warden—Stephen Seaman.  
Ward Clerk—J. L. A. Jordan.  
Constable—Fred J. Libby.  
Delegates—George M. Stanwood.  
City Committee—George M. Stanwood, R. D. Dyer, Stephen Seaman, John F. Dyer, Frank E. Marr.

#### WARD SIX.

Chairman—H. D. Hoyt.  
Secretary—Clement Morse.  
For Alderman—B. F. Knight.  
Warden—Charles E. Hayes.  
Ward Clerk—W. H. Knight.  
Constable—C. J. McDonald.  
Delegates—J. A. S. Dyer.  
City Committee—J. D. Hoyt, George W. Strout, John J. Joffe, Thomas O. Hatch, Ernest L. Mountfort.

#### WARD SEVEN.

Chairman—Charles A. Dawson.  
Secretary—H. D. Fay.  
For Alderman—Frederick W. Jordan.  
Warden—Ansel C. Hunnewell.  
Ward Clerk—Charles A. Dawson.  
Constable—B. F. Flynn.  
Delegates—J. Chace.  
City Committee—Alfred A. Bean, John P. Manning, Charles T. Brackett, Thos. P. Cuskey, James A. Pinkerton.

#### A GRAND SIGHT.

A grand sight was afforded the many visitors to the Cape Cottage and other vantage points among the Cape shore yesterday. The heavy southeast gale whipped up the highest kind of waves which, breaking against the rocks, gave a magnificent surf exhibition. Hundreds braved the pouring rain, while the electric cars from early morning up to a late hour in the afternoon were packed with persons en route to scenes which were well worth travelling miles to witness.

At Bethany Congregational church this evening, Rev. Mr. Newcomb will give an address on "Abraham Lincoln." There will be readings, singing by a double quartette, solo, etc.

The horse belonging to the South Portland Co-operative store ran away yesterday morning, but was brought to a standstill on High street before any damage was done.

George F. Henley is on the ward committee from Ward 3 instead of George F. Emery as reported, and J. E. Fisher should have been named as delegate to majority convention instead of J. E. Fisher.

The regular meeting of the teachers will be held at the brick schoolhouse in Knightville, February 24th, at 9 p. m., at which time the salary bills for four weeks beginning January 29th, should be brought in.

Frank S. Willard was nominated by the Republicans of Ward three for alderman, instead of Frank B. Studley as was announced in this column yesterday.

Mrs. Hellene Pickett passed her 80th birthday last Saturday. On that day she was baptized by Rev. E. H. Newcomb and received into full membership by the Bethany church. The services on the occasion were very impressive.

News was received in this city yesterday of the death of George G. Blake at Providence, R. I. Mr. Blake was formerly a resident of this city. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his brother, Fred I. Blake at Worcester, Mass.

There will be a Lincoln concert at Bethany church this evening. Solos will be rendered by Mr. and Miss Getchel. The quartette will be composed of Mr. and Miss Getchel, Miss Stirling and Mr. Harrington. The chorus will sing Herbert Johnson's America, and the Star Spangled Banner. Miss Nina Griggs will read. An address on Abraham Lincoln will be delivered by Rev. E. N. Newcomb.

#### WOODFORDS.

George H. Worcester, Esq., of Bangor, a young and promising attorney is in Portland for a few days where he has made application for admission to practice before the United States courts. During his stay in this vicinity with his wife they are the guests of his uncle, Stewart Worcester and family, Brighton corner.

## WESTBROOK.

Master J. Everett Newcomb entertained a party of young friends last Saturday afternoon in honor of his 5th birthday. Refreshments were served during the afternoon and an enjoyable time had by all.

Miss Winifred Griggs is to have special exercises at her school, Wednesday, February 21, in commemoration of Washington's birthday.

Willie Rocheleau, son of Mr. Henry Rocheleau is ill with pneumonia. Dr. Barrett is in attendance.

Mr. Irving Fogg of this city is being instructed in the duties of a motorman running on the car with Conductor Herbert E. Chute. Mr. Fogg has entered the employ of the company to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Conductor Fred T. Fogg. The car formerly run by Conductor Frank Raymond, while Conductor Mark Allen is to be in charge of Conductor Raymond's car.

The Republican caucuses of Westbrook are to be held this evening at the respective ward rooms commencing at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Fr. Huot, assistant pastor of St. Hyacinthe's Catholic church who has been in Worcester, Mass., where he was called by the illness of his father, sends word of the death of his father on Monday. His father was David Huot, and was 66 years of age. There are four sons left to survive the deceased, George N. of Worcester, Mass.; Louis U. of Richmond, P. Q.; Rev. Fr. Edward of Westbrook, and Alphonse of Worcester.

Mr. Joseph Wilkinson, employed at the Warren paper mills had one of his feet crushed yesterday while in the performance of his duty at the mills. He was taken to his home and a physician summoned.

Mr. Orrin Chaffin of Cumberland Mills, the well known horse dealer, is suffering from a broken shoulder. Last week while riding on a freight train with a load of horses which he had just purchased, the train stopped suddenly throwing Mr. Chaffin backward so that he struck severely breaking his right shoulder.

## MORRILLS.

The Union Bible class met Monday evening, February 12th, with Mr. Edward C. Jones, No. 5 Leonard street, Deering Center.

Mr. Arthur Jones of Richardson street has gone to Augusta, where he is engaged in business in connection with the National Correspondence School.

Mr. Albert Thomas of Leland avenue and Leonard street is making improvements upon the house of Mrs. Andrews, Leland avenue.

The Union Sunday school, held at Hogg block is in an encouraging state. More than fifty members have been enrolled and, last Sunday, notwithstanding the snow, twenty-six members were present. Mr. Gray of Pleasant street kindly brought a load of children on a team.

Mrs. Coffee of Waverly street recently met with a serious accident by a fall. We understand that her spine was badly injured.

## GORHAM.

The Cosmopolitan club held their annual banquet Monday evening at Mrs. D. Merritt's, Main street. A large number of the club were present. In the absence of the president, Mrs. John A. Waterman, the vice-president Mrs. Elmer Black, presided. After a most excellent repast, each member of the club was requested by the president to tell an old story, which caused much merriment. Miss Ella Johnson of the Gorham Normal school received the prize which was presented by the presiding officer. A very pleasant evening was passed.

Willard Arthur Brown of New York, formerly of Gorham, died suddenly last Saturday. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Edward Mayo, South street.

An alarm of fire was sounded Monday at 2:30 p. m. The hose and ladder companies were promptly on hand and proceeded to the residence of J. A. Waterman, Esq., on Church street, but fortunately it proved only to be the burning of a chimney. This is the first time our hose and ladder companies have been called out for several months.

Mr. Charles E. Cobb, the efficient assistant treasurer of the Portland and Rochester, has accepted a position in the auditor's office of the Boston & Maine, Union station, Boston.

## MUSIC AND DRAMA.

### A RAG TIME RECEPTION.

A new musical farce comedy written on the subject of the hour "Ragtime" will be presented at Portland theatre February 19-20-21 by a competent company of well known farceurs, culled from the leading music halls of London and New York. "A Rag Time Reception" is the title, and it is from the pen of that well known author George Totten Smith. It is full of novelties, delightful music and side splitting situations. During the progress of the play many amusing situations occur. There is new and original music of popular character and specialties which are novel and unique. Bright dialogue of the up-to-date order, is interpreted by a company of comedians that are unequalled for their ability as actors, singers and dancers, together with a chorus of pretty girls.

### WARD AND VOKES.

The too often ridiculed, though popular, male quartette will have no place in Ward and Vokes' new fun review, "The Floor Walkers," this year. In the musical attractiveness of the new vehicles will be found as a special, high class feature, the Chicago Ladies' quartette. These four superb voices have been heard in concert without during the past ten years as a Lyceum bureau attraction. Manager E. D. Blair was compelled to name a pretty figure to induce the ladies to forsake concert work and appear in "The Floor Walkers" their first regular theatrical en-

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Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the Company at their actual value, \$4,023,805.42.

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1899. Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$203,641.53. Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks, 1,303,452.62. All other demands against the Company, viz.: commissions, etc., 4,669.30.

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49c. All our Select Outing Flannel Night Shirts that have been 80c, may be a dozen styles, Fancy Embroidered fronts. This Sale price, 49c

59c. All our best Dollar Night Shirts, ten or twelve styles, perfect in quality, shape and workmanship. This Sale price, 59c

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Valentines. SINGLE PATTERNS. Four yard waist patterns, cannot be duplicated in the city, Lace-work, stripes, Persian and Cashmere effects. Fifteen styles, per yard, \$2.00

Valentines. ORIENTAL WASH SILKS. Twenty handsome styles from Japan, clear colors, Heavy White Cords alternating with color stripes of blue, red, heliotrope, violet, royal-blue, gray, pink, rose and mode. Prettiest gathering of Japs we ever saw. Price, 50c

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of November, 1898.  
LLOYD D. WOODRUFF,  
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—From the Eagle, Cape Vincent, N. Y.

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## A Republican State Convention

—WILL BE HELD IN—  
City Hall, Lewiston,  
Wed., April 11th, 1900  
At 11 O'clock, A. M.

for the purpose of selecting six candidates for electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, and four delegates at large and four alternates to attend the National Republican Convention to be held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, June 19, 1900, and transacting any other business that may properly come before it.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each City, Town and Plantation will be entitled to one delegate, and for each seventy-five votes cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in 1896, an additional delegate, and for a fraction of forty votes in excess of seventy-five votes, an additional delegate.

Vacancies in the delegation of any City, Town or Plantation can only be filled by a resident of the county in which the vacancy exists.

The State committee will be in session in the reception room of the hall at nine o'clock, on the morning of the convention, for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates. Delegates in order to be eligible to participate in the convention, must be elected subsequent to the date of the call for this convention; and delegates, under this call, should not be elected to the State convention to be hereafter called for the purpose of nominating a candidate for governor.

All electors of Maine without regard to past political differences, who are in sympathy with the sentiments expressed in the call of the Republican National Committee for the Republican National Convention, are cordially invited to unite with the Republicans of the State in electing delegates to this Convention.

For order Republican State Committee.  
JOSEPH H. MANLEY, Chairman  
BYRON BOYD, Secretary.  
Augusta, Maine, Thursday, Jan. 4, 1900.

## Presidential Electors Must All Be Chosen in State Convention.

HEADQUARTERS  
REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE,  
AUGUSTA, MAINE, JAN. 4, 1900.

To the Republicans of Maine:—Prior to 1892 two Presidential electors at large, corresponding to the two United States senators, were nominated in State convention, and the remaining electors, corresponding to the members of the United States House of Representatives were nominated by the several congressional district conventions.

The passage of the Australian Ballot law entirely changed the procedure. Under the law, all candidates are a portion of our election system, and this ballot act requires that candidates to be voted for by the Voters throughout the whole State must be placed in nomination by a convention representing no less a constituency than the whole State. Hence, all the candidates of a party for Presidential electors must be nominated in State Convention, and I have therefore included in the call six electors.

J. H. MANLEY, Chairman.

## U. S. DISTRICT COURT—Justice Webb.

The petit jury of the February district term came in yesterday morning and was at once discharged in the absence of any cases for their attention. Following is the personnel:

John E. Arnold, foreman, and James N. Humphrey, Augustus; Charles H. Rice and Fred A. Pottle, Bangor; Charles E. Owen, Belfast; Henry B. Dunning, Brunswick; Irvin W. McAllister, and Smith Adams, Calais; Charles P. Young, Dover; Frank M. Soper and Joseph L. Viping, Durham; Robert D. Rice, Fairfield; Alfred H. Houdy, Portland; Wm. N. Osborne, Fairfield; George R. Lefavor of Portland.

## MAKING TROUBLE FOR MRS. LANGTRY.

New York, February 13.—The war by the W. C. T. U. on Mrs. Langtry's bazaar, the proceeds of which are to go to the Transvaal wounded and which is supported by New York's 400, is still waging fiercely. The W. C. T. U. objected to the bazaar which is to be run in connection with the bazaar, and not contented with throwing bombs in the shape of resolutions at the affair, the women have called on Chief of Police Devoy to suppress the liquor selling feature. The women ask him to invoke the state law against barmalade. As yet he has given no reply.

## A STRIKE IS LIKELY.

### Granite Cutters Want Advance in Wages.

### Manufacturers Say It Cannot Be Granted.

### Will Concede Shorter Hours of Labor.

### Hoped Cutters May Modify Their Demands.

Boston, February 13.—At a meeting of the New England Granite Manufacturers' association in Wesleyan hall, today, the schedule of wages and hours of labor presented by the National Granite Cutters' Union, was taken under consideration. Resolutions were passed to the effect that the manufacturers cannot accede to the demands of eight hours' labor in a day's work and at least \$3 per day as wages, now believing that such a scale of prices will prevent the manufacture of granite.

It is understood the manufacturers would be willing to grant the eight hour day if the wages remain at their present rate. It is stated that all of the manufacturers would be governed by the action of the New England association. As the schedule only calls for a minimum of \$3 a day and as the constitution of the granite cutters' union requires all of its members to demand this rate of pay on and after March 1, it is not expected that the manufacturers will succeed in averting a strike. Inasmuch as the manufacturers are willing to concede the eight-hour day, it is hoped by some of the employers that the union will find a way for modifying its demand for wages.

The following officers were elected: President, William Mitchell, Quincy; vice-presidents, W. S. White, Rockland, Me.; James McKay, Barre, Vt.; William Booth, New London, Ct.; Ola Anderson, Concord, N. H.; A. P. Karam, Providence, R. I.; and C. D. Canfield, Barre, Vt.; treasurer, Isaac F. Woodbury, Boston secretary, J. W. Frost, Boston; executive committee, Payson Tucker, Portland; J. F. Bodwell, Hallowell, Me.; J. G. Batterson, Jr., Concord, N. H.; Seward W. Jones, Barre, Vt.; William Alexander, Barre, Vt.; J. A. Cross, Northfield, Vt.; O. W. Norcross, Worcester; Charles S. Rogers, Rockport, Mass.; Benj. F. McNamee, Watertown, Mass.; Henry Murray, Boston; John L. Miller, Quincy, Mass.; James Gouley, Westerly, R. I.; Calvin S. Davis, Niantic, Ct.; Henry Gardner, Williston, Ct. Advisory committee, William H. Mitchell, Quincy, Mass.; William Beattie, New London, Conn.; Seward W. Jones, Barre, Vt.; Isaac F. Woodbury, Boston; Henry Murray, Boston.

The following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That the Granite Manufacturers' association of New England, in annual meeting assembled, indorses the following memorandum:

Boston, February 13, 1900.

Whereas, the Granite Cutters' National Union of Boston has, through its officers, informed the Granite Manufacturers of New England that under its constitution no negotiation for wages and hours of labor will be had with said manufacturers or any committee by them raised for that purpose which does not provide in advance a concession and agreement for eight hours' labor in a day's work and at least three dollars per day of wages.

Now believing that such a scale of prices will prevent the manufacture of granite, we, the undersigned, hereby agree with each other that we cannot accede to said demands so required to be complied with.

(Signed)  
Bodwell Granite Co.,  
Norcross Brothers,  
John Pierce,  
Cape Ann Granite Company,  
Maine and New Hampshire Granite Company,  
Booth Bros. and Hurricane Island Granite Company,  
Hallowell Granite Works,  
Rockport Granite Company,  
Mt. Waldo Granite Works,  
Pigeon Hill Granite Company,  
The New England Granite Works.

Resolved, That the Granite Manufacturers' association of New England indorses and approves the action of its executive committee relative to a conference by committee with the National Granite Cutters' Union, and authorizes and directs its committee to renew such overtures as have hitherto been made to the national committee of Granite Cutters' union to the end that business may not suffer or labor be unemployed.

## BIDDEFORD'S THIRD VICTORY.

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS.  
Biddeford, February 13.—South Portland dropped another game to Biddeford's crack polo team tonight. It was the third successive victory in the South Portland series. The score was six to three.

## RESENTS ATTACK ON HOAR.

Boston, February 13.—As a result of the charge of treason preferred against Senator Hoar last night by Congressman Cushman of Washington, at the Lincoln dinner of the Middlesex club, a leading Republican organization, John M. Mariani, a member, today sent his resignation to Col. George H. Billings, the secretary.

## WAVES DASHED HIGH.

Houghest Day of the Season in the Harbor Yesterday.

The howling southeastern rain storm which raged all along the water front yesterday made a grand sight as one stood at any of the wharves and looked down the harbor and out towards the sea. The waves dashed high and created a great fury in all parts of the harbor as they lashed against the docks and piers. But somewhat strange to relate no great damage resulted from this storm. The ocean liner Planet Mercury of the Thompson company which was anchored near Grand Trunk shed number one stayed back and forth to such an extent that she broke off a good sized portion of the end of this wharf and also of wharf number two. Both of these wharves were shaking all day with this battering of the Mercury and one of the custom inspectors who had occasion to go down to the end of number one said that the piling swayed to and fro so much that it seemed unsafe to go through the shed and out to the end of the wharf. On all of the trips which the ferry boat Elizabeth City made across the harbor, she experienced the hardest time of the season. The seas between Portland pier and the Cape were so rough that on all of her trips the Hull ferry boat drifted far out of her regular course. It was a most frightful sight indeed to watch the Elizabeth as she would pull slowly out of her moorings at Portland pier and then fairly creep across to the other side. But notwithstanding the severity of the storm the boat made all of her scheduled trips. For the first time in many months, however, a sign was posted by the company that no teams would be carried across. The fact that no disasters were reported was explained by an old sea dog that southeastern storms may for the time be fully as rough as northeastern storms, but that they seldom continue as long. During the forenoon when the tide was high the seas ran so high that they brushed clean over the breakwater.

There was only one arrival for the day, this being the British schooner Harry W. Lewis which brought a cargo of 515 tons of coal from Cape Breton. The steamer Bay State of the Boston line remained at this port on Monday evening on account of the threatening weather.

## JUMPED FROM WINDOW.

Suicide of Congressman Chickering of New York.

New York, February 13.—Congressman Charles A. Chickering of Copenhagen, N. Y., was found dead outside the Grand Union hotel in this city, today. He had either fallen or jumped from a fourth story window of the hotel.

Manager Tarbell of the Grand Union, had the body removed to the hotel vestibule until a patrol was summoned and the body taken to the east 36th street police station.

Representative Chickering informed the hotel clerk last night that he intended taking an early train today for Washington. The room occupied by Mr. Chickering was large and outside of the window was the iron fire escape. That suicide was deliberate is evident from the fact that Mr. Chickering had to climb out and then jump over the fire escape railing. He struck on his head and side, breaking many bones.

In response to telephonic inquiry from this city to Copenhagen today, a friend of Mr. Chickering said: "Mr. Chickering's mind has been affected since he was ill with fever over a year ago. He was not considered irresponsible, but was melancholy at times."

## SHIPBUILDING AT THOMASTON.

Thomaston, February 13.—The prospect for a lively season in shipbuilding at this port is considered excellent at the present time. The well-known firm of Dunn & Elliot has leased of J. O. Cushman & Co., a shipyard adjoining their own and they will build two or more 100-ton vessels.

Washburn Brothers, gave a four-masted schooner of about 1500 tons nearly completed and another of several hundred tons is in process of construction. They have contracts for two other large schooners to be completed the present year, and they also have recently purchased the mold for the schooner Susie M. Plummer of J. A. Creighton & Co., and if timber can be purchased in season a vessel will be built from the model. The probability that the industry which has been wanting here is reviving causes great satisfaction. A fleet of 23 square rigged vessels formerly operating at this port, has been decreasing steadily for years until not one vessel of this class is enrolled at this place.

## LONGFELLOW LODGE ENTERTAINMENT.

Longfellow Lodge, Sons of St. George, will entertain their friends at Mystic hall, Friday evening, February 16th. The chairman of the committee is George W. E. Clarke and the following programme has been prepared.

Part I.  
Overture, Miss Bernadette Moreau  
Song—Sweet Rose O'Connor  
Geo. W. E. Clarke  
Honey Johnson  
Reading—Xmas Dinner in the Workhouse.  
Mr. Walter Ackroyd  
Greenleaf Quartette  
Song, Mrs. Lena Pearl Scott  
Banjo and Guitar Duet,  
Martin and Tines  
Mr. J. H. Walker  
Mrs. and Miss Wiggins  
Mr. Albert E. Wheeler  
Mr. H. Henderson

Part II.  
Overture, Miss Bernadette Moreau  
Mr. P. A. Swasey  
Miss Jennie B. Evans  
Mr. H. P. Gould  
Miss Gould  
Mr. H. Henderson  
Miss Moody  
Mrs. and Miss Wiggins  
Honey Johnson  
Mr. Chas Ashton  
Song—Sweet Bunch of Delia,  
Geo. W. E. Clarke  
Greenleaf Quartette  
Song,  
The quartette is composed of 1st tenor, W. Webster; 2d tenor, H. E. Dunn; baritone, F. Given; bass, A. Bell.

## A Woman's Trials

Increase from girlhood to the grave.

The question of health is always before her. Thirty years of her life is a battle with menstruation, and not one woman in a hundred escapes the ills which lie in wait from month to month.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

has restored a million women to health.

Letters from grateful women are constantly being printed in this paper.

Mrs. Pinkham has fifty thousand such letters. Her counsel is safe counsel. It always helps women and it will help you.

Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass. She will advise you free.

## OBITUARY.

MRS. JANE D. NILES.

Mrs. Jane D. Niles, who passed away Thursday at the advanced age of 75 years, 8 months, in her early days was a resident of Portland. After becoming a widow, she after a few years moved to Boston, with her two boys, Daniel and Stephen H. Niles. In later years after they had grown to manhood, Daniel kept a book store in Cambridge, Stephen at first was employed as office boy, then advancing till at the retiring of Mr. Arthur McArthur he took the Advertising Agency Business, Scollay Square Building, and remained there till his death. Here he accumulated quite a large sum. Daniel, in later years, was a physician in Worcester, Mass.

PARRIS O. WEBB.

Patrolman Parris O. Webb died at his home on Alder street Monday afternoon at about 4.30, as the result of several repeated shocks, the last of which occurred last week. Mr. Webb was a native of Westbrook, being a brother of Hon. Mahlon H. Webb, ex-mayor of the city. He was a butcher by trade and previous to his appointment on the police force was one of the drivers for the Portland Beef company. He was appointed to the force by Mayor Baxter in June, 1894, and was for a time assigned to night duty.

Mr. Webb leaves a widow, two grown up sons by a former wife and one boy about 11 years of age.

Mr. Webb was a man of magnificent physique, being over six feet tall and weighing close on to 275 pounds. He will long be remembered by his brothers on the force.

MRS. A. V. HINDS.

Mrs. Adriana Veazle Hinds died Monday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles J. Chapman at 37 Spring street. Mrs. Hinds was born in Portland, September 4, 1831, and was the daughter of Abel Chase. She married Benjamin F. Hinds in 1850 and had three children by whom she is survived. They are as follows: Mrs. Charles J. Chapman of this city; Frank Hinds of New York, and Abel Hinds of Gorham. Mrs. Hinds was a member of the Chestnut street church and was actively identified with the work of the church. She leaves behind a large circle of friends.

The funeral services will take place Thursday afternoon at two o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. Israel Luce and Rev. Luther Freeman.

## EXCITEMENT ON COTTON EXCHANGE.

New York, Feb. 13.—The wildest excitement prevailed at the cotton exchange throughout the entire session today. No official record was kept of the transactions, but it is estimated that they reached close to 800,000 bales. This would be near the record. The fluctuations of prices were frequent and violent. From the closing of Saturday's market to the highest point today there was an advance of 24 to 30 points. From the highest to the lowest point of the day there was a difference of 10 to 18 points. But in the main, the feeling was very strong. The advance was based upon sensational advances at Liverpool.

Orders from Great Britain and the southwest were for enormous quantities of cotton, chiefly to cover short contracts. Southern buying orders were also enormous, and southern spot market reports came as strong as at any time yet. The local market for spot cotton was officially reported as being 3-4-6 higher while later sellers were scarce at 1-4 advance. The market was very active to the close of business and finished very firm at an advance of 17 to 35 points.

## HORTON LAW REPEAL.

Albany, N. Y., February 13.—In the assembly this morning the bill of Mr. Lewis to repeal the so-called Horton law which permits prize fighting in the state, was advanced to the third reading without objection or debate.

## DEATH OF COM. SHAW'S WIFE.

Watertown, N. Y., February 13.—May Keith Shaw, wife of General A. D. Shaw, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., died suddenly at midnight.

## Grand Clearance and Bargain Sale.

### BOOKS. BOOKS. BOOKS. BOOKS.

Books of every description, at reduced prices, marked down, cut under, way down below regular rates.

All of our Books are new and fresh. Copyright Editions at low prices, others at way under prices.

Novels and Standard Books in sets, and single volumes, Books of Travel and Adventure, Atlases, Bibles, &c., &c.

Kipling's New Stalky & Co.,	\$1.50, reduced to	\$ .75
Kedar's Lents, \$1.25, reduced to		.68
Dickens' Works, 15 vols., \$7.50, reduced to		4.50
Waverley Novels, 12 vols., 1-2 calf, \$24.00, reduced to		12.00
Dumas' Works, 17 vols., \$20.00, reduced to		12.00
Irving's works, 10 vols., \$15.00, reduced to		10.00
Prescott's Histories, 16 vols., \$16.00, reduced to		10.00
Encyclopaedic Dictionary, \$12.00, reduced to		6.00

SPECIAL DISCOUNT ON ALL BOOKS NOT MENTIONED.

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In our Fancy Goods Department we have a choice collection of Goods to offer, consisting of

Albums, Celluloid Goods, Writing Tablets, Mirrors, Inkstands, Shopping Bags, Music Rolls, Pocket Books, Card Cases, Bill Books, Vases, Medallions in Photographs, both plain and colored, Writing Paper, Envelopes.

## STATIONERY ALL KINDS.

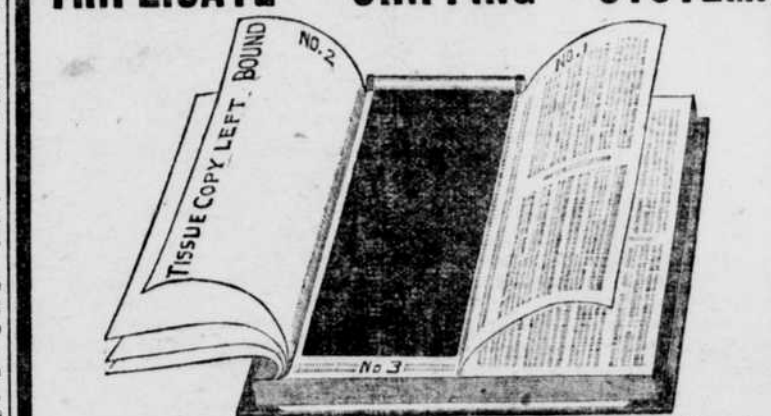
These goods are from our Wholesale Department and during the Holidays we are not able to show in our lower store, and now offer these fresh and attractive goods, at less than jobbing prices. Nearly all are staple goods, and articles that are in daily use.

Come in and look at the Bargains. They will be ready Monday morning, February 12th, at 8 a. m.

## LORING, SHORT & HARMON,

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## TRIPLICATE SHIPPING SYSTEM.



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100 Harnesses, all styles.

\$15.00 Driving Harness, - \$9.00

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Double harness, team harness and express harness at proportional prices. These harnesses were in boxes and injured by water. Whips at half price. Lap robes, elegant goods at half price, as useful as ever. Horse boots, soap, oils, dressing, together with 1,001 articles needed and useful about Horse, Carriage or Stable, at a price that will close them quick.

## F. O. BAILEY CARRIAGE CO.

DEERING REAL ESTATE.

New houses on high land, on street cars, with every Modern Convenience. Easy terms.

## OTTAWA PARK LAND

Near Aspeton Casino (known as Cliff Cottage.)

## DALTON & CO., 53 Exchange St.

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Mr. C. V. Fickett,

who has been with Sullivan & Osmond for the past ten years, has opened a store Corner Portland and Mechanic Streets.

with a full line of

Meats and Provisions,

and if his friends will call and see him he will try and make it to their advantage to stop and trade with him.

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## NOTICE.

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### Book, Job and Card Printer,

#### NO. 37 PLUM STREET.

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, Portsmouth, N. H., February 12, 1900. Sealed proposals for dredging Narragansett River, for repairing south jetty at mouth of Saco River, Me., dredging and removing boulders in Kittery River, N. H., and dredging in Little Harbor, N. H., and in Essex River, Mass., will be received here until 12 m., March 14, 1900, and then publicly opened. Information furnished on application. W. L. Fisk, Maj., Engrs.

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## CLIMAX OF DEBATE.

Great Speeches on Senate Financial Bill.

Senator Allison Speaks in Behalf of Measure.

Mr. Jones Says it is Vicious.

Senate Will Consider Amendments Today.

Washington, February 13.—The financial debate in the Senate reached its climax today. Two great speeches, one in favor of the pending Senate substitute measure and the other in opposition to it, were delivered and both were listened to by Senators with close attention. The first was delivered by Mr. Allison of Iowa, the ranking member of the finance committee. He had been an attentive listener to the speeches delivered on the other side and in the course of his argument he presented his answers to the points raised against the pending Senate bill. Mr. Jones of Nevada declared that the bill was vicious and unwarranted, conferring too great power on national banks and fastening the country to a gold currency. He discussed the question from a historical and philosophical viewpoint. Tomorrow the Senate will begin the consideration of the bill and amendments under the ten minute rule.

## IN THE HOUSE.

The members of the New York delegation held a meeting as soon as they were apprised of Representative Chickering's death, and appropriate resolutions were drafted for presentation to the house. The dead member's desk was draped and wreathed in flowers when the house met at noon. The blind chaplain in his invocation referred feelingly to the loss the house had suffered.

A joint resolution increasing the limit of cost of the new government printing office to \$420,000 on account of the increased cost of building material, was adopted.

A bill to extend the period of suspension of certain laws relating to the war department for another year from March 1 was adopted.

The urgent matters having been disposed of, Mr. Payne (N. Y.) made the announcement of Mr. Chickering's death. At some future time, he said, he would ask the house to pay fitting tribute to the high character and distinguished services of the deceased.

The resolutions prepared by the New York delegation were then adopted and the following committee was appointed to attend the funeral:

Messrs. Sherman of N. Y., Babcock of Wis., Cummings of N. Y., Littauer of N. Y., De Graffenried of Tex., Davidson of Wis., Gillett of N. Y., Alexander of N. Y. and Otley of Mo.

Then at 12:15 p. m., as a further mark of respect, the house adjourned.

## TWO BILLS PASSED.

Washington, February 13.—Soon after the Senate convened today a bill appropriating \$150,000 for the enlargement of the public at Portland, Oregon, was passed.

A house bill relating to lights on steam pilot vessels was also passed.

## MUSIC AND DRAMA.

### KATHERINE ROBER.

The extremely large house that was present at Portland theatre yesterday afternoon in such a storm was certainly highly complimentary to Miss Rober and testified strongly to her popularity with the ladies of this city. The favorite comedy drama "She Couldn't Marry Three," was presented in a capable manner, Miss Rober having a splendid opportunity to display her versatility and she was ably supported by her clever company.

Last night the interesting drama "Shall We Forgive Her?" was cleverly acted, and Miss Rober in an emotional role, as the wife of Oliver West, was at her best and she gave a finished and artistic performance that was thoroughly appreciated by the large audience.

### Poor and Rich Have Equal Chance.

The same insight into the needs of humanity and the same medical skill which enabled Dr. Greene to originate the wonderful Dr. Greene's Nervine has made him the most successful specialist in the world, and the discoverer of many other marvellous remedies for the cure of various complaints. Great numbers of hopeless men and women, weighed down with nervous and chronic disorders, have found through Dr. Greene's advice the way to health.

Dr. Greene's Remedies are truly wonderful in their efficiency in overcoming the ills of mankind, and the fact that he can be consulted at all times without cost brings his great skill within the reach of the poorest. Rich and poor alike may have Dr. Greene's advice by calling upon him or writing. His address is 24 Temple Place, Boston, Mass., and no person who feels the need of professional advice need lack the best medical counsel. If you need help, tell or write your troubles confidentially to Dr. Greene and be cured.

## BRITISH RETIRE.

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The Boers numbered some thousands and were five to one every where fighting occurred. The British are chafing under the necessity of a retreat from their posts, some of which they had held since the new year. The British now have no camp west of Rensburg. They safely brought off the guns from Coles Kop.

## SELECTION OF COMMANDERS

Lord Wolseley Has Not Been Interfered With.

London, February 13.—In the House of Commons today, Mr. Thomas Heddewyk, advanced liberal, gave notice of a resolution calling attention to the fact that the colonies are without representation in the imperial parliament. The resolution was set down for a month hence, but it is not likely that time will be found then for its discussion.

The under secretary of state for the foreign office, Mr. William St. John Broderick, was asked whether the government had received any communication from Germany modifying the declaration made in 1896 by the then minister of foreign affairs, Baron Marshall von Bitterstein, to the effect that Germany's only policy was the maintenance of the Transvaal as an independent state, in accordance with the treaty of 1884. He replied that no communication had been received by the German government relative to the convention of 1884, which he added, as a matter of fact, was terminated by the state of war.

The under secretary of state for the war office, Mr. George Wyndham, definitely set at rest all the stories of government interference in the private of the commander-in-chief, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, to select the generals commanding in South Africa. Replying to a question, Mr. Wyndham said the commanders in the field were selected by Lord Wolseley, subject to the approval of the secretary of state for war, and added that every selection put forward had been approved.

When the debate on the army supplementary estimates was resumed, Mr. Wyndham, during the course of speech against intimating that an attempt would be made to demoralize the army, which he said, he thought should not be closed to officers who did not enjoy an income of from 150 pounds to 200 pounds a year. Mr. Wyndham also said it was a scandal and a danger to the empire that young men could not enter the cavalry unless their fathers were able to give them 500 pounds a year.

The under secretary further announced that it was not intended to raise volunteers in Ireland.

## RENSBURG IN DANGER.

Rensburg, Cape Colony, February 13.—The Boers are actively pressing around Rensburg. The British force under Lieut. Col. Page, consisting of a section of artillery and 150 horses which reached Slingsfontein, February 10, has been compelled to fall back on Rensburg owing to its eastern flank being hit by three at once.

London, February 13.—6:40 p. m.—A despatch to the Evening News from Rensburg says severe fighting occurred during the British retreat, the various outposts of both sides suffering heavy losses. The despatch adds that it is doubtful if Rensburg can be held.

## BOMBARDMENT OF KIMBERLEY.

London, February 13.—The war office has posted a despatch from Colonel Kekewich, dated Sunday, February 11, to the effect that Kimberley was bombarded throughout February 8. During the morning of February 9, a small infantry engagement, lasting two hours occurred at Alexander's Fontein. The situation is unchanged.

An undated despatch from Mafeking via Gaberones, February 4, says: "Col. Baden-Powell has received a communication from Lord Roberts, promising relief would be sent in a few weeks. The food will last. The garrison is as good as ever. The Boers have expressed their intention not to fight but to starve us out. All well."

## GREAT PRODUCTION OF ROMEO AND JULIET TONIGHT BY MISS KATHERINE ROBER, NEW ENGLAND'S GREATEST FAVORITE.

One of the greatest scenic productions ever attempted will be given at Portland theatre this evening by Miss Katherine Rober, that of "Romeo and Juliet," and Miss Rober will certainly make an ideal Juliet. So far the advance sale for the entire week has been the largest in the history of Portland. Notwithstanding the enormous expense of the great productions the prices are 10, 20, 30 cents.

## From an Author's Notebook.

Sold one poem to Johnson Bros. (Molly has just come in to say the coal's out.) The Monthly Review paid me \$3 for two sonnets. (Jane says the gas bill is \$3.)

I have just received \$10 for a short story. (The house rent is \$18 and five days overdue.) Have just written an article on "How to Live on One Dollar a Day." (Molly says she's obliged to have \$2 every day this week.)

The art of the author is the greatest thing in the world. (It's pretty cold up here on the roof, but safe—the ballist doesn't know the way up.)—Atlanta Constitution.

## He Staid.

The unmistakable sounds of youth in pain emanated from the floor above. The young man in the parlor grew nervous. "Your father seems to be in a bad humor," he said.

"Yes," replied the sweet young thing, "he's spanking Willie."

"Perhaps I'd better go," he suggested. "Oh, no!" she protested. "As pa only spans Willie when he has his slipper handy you may rest assured he hasn't his heavy boots on now."—Philadelphia Press.

## DROUGHT TO FLOOD.

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evening covered by about four inches of water. In the event of a freeze during the night the trains over that road would be unable to run today.

## STORM IN CONNECTICUT.

Rivers Overflowing But No Serious Damage.

New Haven, Conn., February 13.—The heaviest rainstorm for a year according to official reports threatened to create much damage throughout Connecticut today and although reports come from all sections of rivers and tributaries overflowing, no casualties are reported and but little serious damage. Many highways have been rendered impassable, cellars flooded, property in the lowlands along the river banks damaged and several washouts have occurred on both the Consolidated and Central New England roads, but these last resulted only in a slight inconvenience and delay to traffic.

According to the observations at the United States weather bureau in this city there was a total rain fall here of 2.24 inches, while local bureaus in other parts of the state report a rainfall varying from 3 to 3.12 inches. The down-pour was felt most severely in the western section of the state and many factories in the vicinity of Winstead and throughout the Naugatuck valley were obliged to shut down owing to high water and back water.

The Connecticut river has risen to the proportions of a freshet and is carrying down much broken ice, but no alarm is felt along the river towns. The deluge has been effective in increasing the water supply in reservoirs that have for a long time been almost exhausted and towns that have been inconvenienced for months from inadequate water supply are again rejoicing that all danger of a water famine has been removed.

## FIVE TRAINMEN INJURED.

Washout Causes Accident on Central Mass. Railway.

Oakdale, Mass., February 13.—As a result of a washout on the Central Massachusetts railroad the Boston bound passenger train due here about 4:30 o'clock went off the track about a quarter of a mile west of the Quinapoxet station at 9:10 o'clock tonight. The engine and combination smoker and baggage car were total wrecks. Five trainmen were seriously injured.

The injured men are Engineer George McMillen of Somerville, laid out about face and head, left leg and broken; Conductor William Baggagmaster Arthur Allen of Somerville, left leg broken, badly out about the face and head; Fireman Frank Bonnyton, badly scalded about the face and body; Express Messenger Harry Atkins of Somerville, cut about the head and face; Fireman Ralph Mineken of Boston, thumb nearly severed and bad cut on head.

## HIGHEST KNOWN.

Torrington, Conn., February 13.—The Naugatuck river is a raging torrent today. The water is the highest ever known here. The river was at flood height at six o'clock and had risen two feet more up to eleven o'clock. Heavy damage is being done in the lower parts of the town.

## THE ICE JAM.

Athol, Mass., February 13.—The hard rain storm which prevailed all night has caused such a rapid rise in Miller's river that threatening ice jams have formed at one or two points and the low lands along the river are flooded and piled with ice.

## MEALS MAKE TROUBLE.

So Says Solomon Sloan, Who Would Do Away With Them.

Mr. Editor: If I were boss— We would have no more meals. The American people have no time for meals.

Times out of ten a man gets up so late that he has to eat his breakfast in order to reach his office or place of business.

The children are late getting up and have to rush through breakfast to get to school on time.

The wife and mother is generally so busy hurrying up the cook, hurrying up the husband, hurrying up the children, that she hasn't time to eat her own breakfast properly.

When luncheon time comes, it is the same old hustle. Watch the men in the restaurants. They snatch a bite and are off to their offices or else off to play a game of billiards.

The "quick lunch" habit is a strong and growing one. School children hurry home, hurry through their luncheon, hurry back to school.

When dinner comes, there is more leisure—sometimes. Frequently there is some one going somewhere—it may be the cook. The man is anxious to get away to his club, or if he lives in New York and is in politics to where he "hangs out."

Besides not having time for meals, meals are the cause of too many family fights. The man comes home late. The dinner is spoiled. The cook is angry. The mistress is cross. There is trouble to be found if any one is looking for it.

Then, too, there is the trouble of people dropping in to meals. The average man of small salary spends a good deal more of it than he wants to by having people to meals.

One extra meal costs little, but when you have 50 people to dinner in the course of a year you have bought several pairs of shoes.

American people get little real pleasure out of their meals. Meals at home are not attractive or you would see more homes and fewer restaurants.

Meals can be avoided. If enough inducement is offered, science will quickly furnish a substitute.

Offer a \$50,000 prize for a satisfactory substitute for meals, and you will get a dozen, any one of which will take just about the time it takes to brush your hair or tie your shoes.

If a substitute for meals is found, think of the time that would be saved, the quarrels avoided, the indigestion obviated, the money accumulated.

And if I were boss we would have a substitute for meals.—Solomon Sloan in New York Herald.

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# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

## Quotations of Staple Products in the Leading Markets.

### New York Stock, Money and Grain Market Review

(By direct private wire to Louis S. Colwell, manager of Price, McCormick & Co.'s branch office, No. 316 Middle street, Portland.)

New York, February 13.—During the greater part of the day the market was decidedly strong. Operations for foreign account had little or no effect, although they were somewhat disappointing, that is to say that in spite of the official quotations from London being higher than our closings on Saturday, the sales by foreign houses were estimated at only 1,000 shares on balance, the heaviest sale being in Union Pacific common. At the opening commission houses were moderate buyers, but traders were disposed to play for a reaction owing to the unexpected attitude of London. The reaction came, but it was a comparatively small one and it only served the purpose of disclosing the fact that on the decline there was support. The steel blocks were notably strong on what was thought to be Chicago buying. There was rather more doing in Federal Steel than for some time, owing to the fact that the directors met today and a 1 1/2 per cent dividend on the common stock was looked for. Just before the close the dividend was declared. All the local traction stocks were strong.

(In Third Avenue there was some lively covering, owing to the official announcement that the negotiations between Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and the officials of the company had reached a favorable conclusion.

During the middle of the day the trading was very light, but during the last hour or so there were evidences of renewed manipulation on the bull side of the market. This was especially noticeable in B. & O. common and preferred, and in Pennsylvania. In all three Kuhn brokers were active and were large buyers.

The buying of B. & O. was ascribed to two reasons, one being the expectation of a dividend on the preferred stock in the near future and the other the publication of the January statement which showed an increase in net earnings of no less than \$601,183. This closing was a fairly active and at about the best figures of the day.

**NEW YORK, Feb. 13.**  
Money on call was steady; actual transactions ranging from 2 1/2 to 3 per cent; last loan 2 1/2. Prime mercantile paper at 4 1/2 per cent; sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills 4 1/2 per cent; for demand and 4 1/2 per cent for sixty days; posted rates 4 1/2 and 4 1/2 per cent; commercial bills at 4 1/2 per cent.

Silver certificates 59 1/2 per cent.  
Bar silver 59 1/2 per cent.  
Mexican dollars 47 1/2 per cent.  
Governments weak.  
Railroad bonds irregular.

**Flour.**  
The following quotations represent the prevailing prices in this market:  
No. 1 extra, 7 1/2 per cent.  
No. 2 extra, 7 1/2 per cent.  
No. 3 extra, 7 1/2 per cent.  
No. 4 extra, 7 1/2 per cent.  
No. 5 extra, 7 1/2 per cent.  
No. 6 extra, 7 1/2 per cent.  
No. 7 extra, 7 1/2 per cent.  
No. 8 extra, 7 1/2 per cent.  
No. 9 extra, 7 1/2 per cent.  
No. 10 extra, 7 1/2 per cent.

**Retail Grocers' Sugar Market.**  
Portland market—cut loaf 7 1/2 per cent; confectioners, 8 1/2 per cent; powdered at 8 1/2 per cent; granulated at 5 1/2 per cent; coarse crushed 5 1/2 per cent.

**Imports.**  
North Sydney, Cr. Sch. H. W. Lewis—318 tons coal to Grand Trunk R.

**Freights.**  
The following are recent charters:  
Bark Phoenix, Boston to Buenos Ayres, w. p. lumber \$10.  
Bark Daisy Reed, New York to Martinique, general cargo, p. t.  
Bark Louise Adelaide, Clark's Cove to Norfolk, ice \$1.

Sch. Ma. Alene Conroy, Philadelphia to Portland, coal \$2 1/2 per ton; charges.  
Sch. Damietta & Joanna, Haggetts' Cove to City Island, ice, p. t.  
Sch. George V. Jordan, Portland to Bahia Blanca, lumber \$12.  
Sch. Selago, New York to Ponce, general cargo, and b. c. k. option of a second port to north of Havana, molasses \$3.50 and port charges for the round.

Sch. Luis G. Isabel, Apalacheola to Philadelphia, lumber \$2.  
Sch. Major Pickands, Galveston to New York, crude bauxite, p. t.  
Sch. New York, New York to Portland, \$2.25, discharged and free wharfage.  
Sch. C. E. Burk, Philadelphia to Portland, coal \$2.

Sch. J. F. Randall, and F. A. Palmer, Philadelphia to Portland, coal \$1.85.  
Sch. Jennie S. Butler, Baltimore to Galveston, p. t. and back from Tampa, phosphate rock, p. t.

**Portland Wholesale Market.**  
PORTLAND, Feb. 13.  
The volume of business the past week has been of small proportions, with but little change in values. The flour situation continues firm, and in instances a trifle higher on the advance in wheat. The visible supply statement shows decrease of 558,000 bush of wheat, and increases of 12,000 and 199,000 bush in corn and oats respectively. Milled wheat in firm and higher. Provisions steady without notable change in figures. Coffee very firm with Rio grades held fully 1/2 higher. Sugar firm and steadily held at former prices. Teas quiet and steady. Butter and Eggs weak and lower. Potatoes rather easy in tone, but unchanged. Hay steady at \$16.00. Coal quiet with prices the same as last week. Fresh Beef dull, steady. We quote: 6 1/2 per cent; hams 7 1/2 per cent; 8 1/2 per cent; 9 1/2 per cent; 10 1/2 per cent; 11 1/2 per cent; 12 1/2 per cent; 13 1/2 per cent; 14 1/2 per cent; 15 1/2 per cent; 16 1/2 per cent; 17 1/2 per cent; 18 1/2 per cent; 19 1/2 per cent; 20 1/2 per cent; 21 1/2 per cent; 22 1/2 per cent; 23 1/2 per cent; 24 1/2 per cent; 25 1/2 per cent; 26 1/2 per cent; 27 1/2 per cent; 28 1/2 per cent; 29 1/2 per cent; 30 1/2 per cent; 31 1/2 per cent; 32 1/2 per cent; 33 1/2 per cent; 34 1/2 per cent; 35 1/2 per cent; 36 1/2 per cent; 37 1/2 per cent; 38 1/2 per cent; 39 1/2 per cent; 40 1/2 per cent; 41 1/2 per cent; 42 1/2 per cent; 43 1/2 per cent; 44 1/2 per cent; 45 1/2 per cent; 46 1/2 per cent; 47 1/2 per cent; 48 1/2 per cent; 49 1/2 per cent; 50 1/2 per cent; 51 1/2 per cent; 52 1/2 per cent; 53 1/2 per cent; 54 1/2 per cent; 55 1/2 per cent; 56 1/2 per cent; 57 1/2 per cent; 58 1/2 per cent; 59 1/2 per cent; 60 1/2 per cent; 61 1/2 per cent; 62 1/2 per cent; 63 1/2 per cent; 64 1/2 per cent; 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## THE PRESS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS TODAY.

Oren Hooper's Sons,  
J. B. Libby,  
T. F. Homsted Company,  
Geo. C. Shaw & Co.,  
Gandy & Kent,  
Norton & Hall.

## AMUSEMENTS.

Congress Square church.

New Wants. To Let. For Sale. Lost. Found  
and similar advertisements will be found under  
their appropriate heads on page 6.

## Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

Has been used over Fifty Years by millions of  
mothers for their children while Teething,  
with perfect success. It soothes the child,  
softens the gums, allays Pain, cures Wind  
Colic, regulates the bowels, and is the best  
remedy for Diarrhoea whether arising from  
teething or other causes. For sale by Drug-  
gists in every part of the world. Be sure and  
ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, 25 cts  
a bottle.

## CASTORIA

Bears the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER.  
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## BRIEF JOTTINGS.

The committee on unimproved real  
estate held a meeting Monday for the  
ratification of a small sale by the city.

Today City Treasurer Libby will pay  
the street department for the two weeks  
ending February 10th. The pay roll ag-  
gregate \$988.10.

The common council room has been  
placed at the disposal of the Women's Re-  
lief corps for entertaining purposes dur-  
ing this week's G. A. R. encampment.

The Beecher club was entertained by  
Mrs. Abner H. Davis, Pine street. The  
attendance was large. Guest, Mrs. Hay-  
wood of the Arlington. Quotation from  
Fannie Fern. Sketch of author by Mrs.  
Joseph C. White, read by Mrs. Achorn.  
Paper on "Evolution and Ethics," by  
Mrs. Elmer Maxwell Knight, which  
gave food for diverse thoughts. Songs by  
Mrs. John Davis, accompanied by Mrs. J.  
H. Davis, closed a delightful afternoon.

Members of the Brunswick club of  
Portland, to the number of 40, met on  
Monday evening with Mrs. Albert Per-  
ry, 35 Congress street. A delightful even-  
ing was passed in social pleasures, during  
which a fine musical and literary pro-  
gramme was carried out and refreshments  
served.

Wednesday evening the members of  
Pine Tree lodge, No. 11, K. of P., will  
have a sleigh ride to Mitchell's at Scar-  
boro, where a clam supper will be served.  
The targe will leave Monument square  
at 6.30 sharp.

The social committee of the Williston  
church is arranging for a Riverton party  
to be held Monday, February 19.

Oakdale and Ipswich Park neigh-  
borhood party will leave Bangs's store  
at 6.45 February 16. Tickets must be  
procured by Thursday.

## GEORGE C. SHAW &amp; CO.

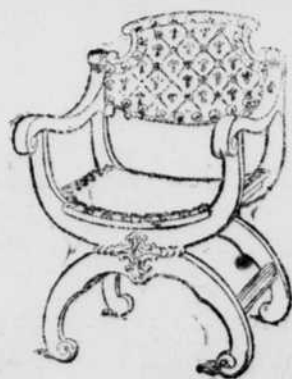
Last week by the steamer Buena  
Ayres. George C. Shaw & Co. received  
direct from Crosse & Blackwell, Soho  
square, London, a large consignment of  
their celebrated pickles, sauces, marmal-  
ades, conserves and sweetmeats. This is  
the first time that a house east of Boston  
has imported goods direct from this well-  
known firm, who are familiar to house-  
keepers all over the world. Everybody  
knows that if you want something that  
is strictly first-class in the line of pickles  
and preserves the call is likely to be for  
the goods put up by this firm. In their  
advertisement this morning, George C.  
Shaw & Co. quote prices on these goods  
which are as low as the same kind of  
things can be bought for in any city of  
the country. If you buy this kind of  
dainties you will never be inclined to  
use any other, for their flavor is some-  
thing that cannot be found in goods of  
the kind elsewhere.

## LECTURE ON RUSKIN.

Rev. Henry Blanchard, D. D., gave an  
interesting lecture on John Ruskin in  
the vestry of the Congress Square church  
last evening. He also read at length from  
the selections of Ruskin. On account of  
the stormy weather only a few people  
were in attendance.

## MAINE'S GREATEST STORE.

## FLEMISH OAK FURNITURE.



The cut shows a fair example. The frame is heavy, old selected oak,  
perfectly fashioned. The seat and back are horsehide, studded with large  
brass head nails. The prices on these odd pieces are much lower than you  
imagine.

Oren Hooper's Sons

## MAXWELL HERE.

Alleged Van Dusen Mur-  
derer Arrives.Preparations Made For Fighting His  
Case.Will Have Strong Ar-  
ray of Counsel.Will Probably Be Arraigned  
This Morning.

Elmer Maxwell, who is charged with  
the murder of Captain John Balsey of  
the schooner J. B. Van Dusen, arrived  
in this city on the late afternoon train  
from the east. He was in the custody of  
Deputy United States Marshal Winfield  
S. Hasty, and upon arrival the officer at



ELMER MAXWELL.

once took the prisoner to the police  
station where he remained last night.  
Maxwell is a young man of twenty-six  
years of age and is a native of St. John,  
N. B. He is unmarried but his parents  
are living. He was formerly the mate of  
the schooner J. B. Van Dusen but after  
wards deserted the vessel. But he had  
not been long away when he returned to  
the vessel, this time as an ordinary  
sailor. The murder of the captain took  
place November 11th of the past year  
while the vessel was in the Bay of  
Fundy.

The news of the murder of Captain  
Balsey created a great deal of excite-  
ment. The proper authorities lost no  
time in investigating and Maxwell was  
arrested as being the guilty man. Then  
the officials of the United States govern-  
ment at once set up the claim that they  
had jurisdiction in the matter of the  
trial of the prisoner, and after a great  
deal of contention on this point between  
the American authorities and the British  
officials, the latter decided to waive their  
claim and to allow Maxwell to be brought  
to this city.

Maxwell was very sober and demure on  
the trip from his home at St. John to  
Portland, and Deputy Marshal Hasty  
says that he would talk but little of the  
case in which he so prominently figures.  
The prisoner, however, did consent to  
discuss with the officer the plans that he  
had made for conducting his case when  
it comes up in the United States court in

this city. He said that Mr. Cogg of Sea-  
ville, who is a well known attorney of  
New Brunswick, and who had advised  
him after the arrest at St. John, would  
come to Portland and act as one of his  
counsel. Maxwell also thought that Mr.  
Skinner, who had also been one of his at-  
torneys while the case was in progress at  
St. John, would come to Portland as one  
of his lawyers. Then, too, he stated that  
it was his intention to retain an attorney  
of this city to assist in fighting the case.  
Deputy Marshal Hasty and the prisoner  
left St. John at 6.15 o'clock yesterday  
morning and they were pretty well tired  
out with the long trip by the time they  
reached Portland. There were several  
delays on the trip on account of the  
freshets all along the road, and this made  
the train somewhat late in reaching this  
city.

For several weeks two of the men who  
are to be witnesses in the case, have been  
in Portland. They are Mate Campbell  
and Steward Snowden who belonged to  
the crew of the Van Dusen. They are  
well acquainted with Maxwell.  
It is probable that Maxwell will be ar-  
raigned in the United States District  
court this morning.

## HENRY B. CLEAVES CLUB.

The Long Island Republican club gave  
a dinner Saturday night which fifty of  
the members attended. It was voted to  
change the name to the "Henry B.  
Cleaves club" in honor of ex-Governor  
Cleaves.

At the meeting last Saturday night  
twenty honorary members, all business  
men of Portland, were elected.

The officers elected last Saturday were  
as follows: President, Napoleon B.  
Chase; vice president, Anthony C. Bick-  
ford; secretary, Joshua F. Rich; treas-  
urer, Joseph H. Wallace; executive com-  
mittee, Napoleon B. Chase, William  
Bickford, W. W. Latham, Joseph Rich  
and Fred Marston.

MAINE CENTRAL RELIEF ASSOCI-  
ATION.

The annual meeting of the Maine Cen-  
tral Railroad Relief association was held  
at the rooms of the Railroad Branch Y.  
M.C.A. at 451 Commercial street Monday  
evening. The following officers were  
elected for the ensuing year:  
President—Elton A. Hall.  
Vice President—Horace M. Towle.  
Secretary—Edwin G. Foster.  
Treasurer—Thomas P. Shaw.  
Directors—E. A. Hall, Alonzo Towle,  
L. F. Cowan, W. H. Bartlett, H. H.  
Towle, S. B. Cabell, George W. Tanager,  
Charles F. Keith, J. B. Chandler, F. B.  
Hubbard, John Locke, Jr.

Financial Committee—George W. York,  
H. G. Parkman, L. V. Philbrook.  
Advisory Committee—Amos Pillsbury,  
J. E. Anderson, F. E. Boothby, F. A.  
Wilton, P. N. Watson, Nathan Stiles,  
George F. Black, George Oliver, Frank  
Robinson, H. R. Barnaby, George A.  
West.

The total membership of the associa-  
tion is 1026, a total loss of 46 as compared  
with the previous year.  
One hundred and ten members have  
been dropped by reason of having left  
the employ of the railroad company, and  
not wishing to retain their insurance.  
Thirteen members have died during the  
year.

Two hundred and forty-one claims for  
sickness and disability have been paid,  
amounting to \$5749. Four of these claims  
were for \$96 each.

The permanent fund now amounts to  
\$25,000, most of which is securely invested  
in 5 per cent bonds.

## FRATERNITY HOUSE.

Owing to the severe storm of yesterday,  
the exercises attendant upon the presenta-  
tion of a flag to Fraternity House by the  
Elizabeth Wadsworth chapter, Daughters  
of the American Revolution, will take  
place this afternoon at five o'clock.

The programme will be a simple one.  
Mrs. Kendall will speak for her organiza-  
tion and Major Thaxter will receive the  
gift for the Fraternity and a patriotic song  
will close the session. But all persons in-  
terested are cordially invited to associate  
themselves for the hour with the children  
of the Fraternity and to increase by their  
presence the spirit of patriotism and good  
citizenship.

## THE P. H. S. C. BALL.

The committee of arrangements have  
been untiring in their efforts to make  
the ninth annual drill and ball, given by  
the High School Cadets on Friday next  
successful. Special music will be fur-  
nished by the American Cadet Band  
and the drill following the concert prom-  
ises to surpass any given in the past. It  
has also been decided to use the rooms  
between the main and reception hall as a  
bandolo.

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CORNER  
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Busiest Street.

T. F. HOMSTED COMPANY

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ON PORTLAND'S

## SILK OFFERINGS

TO CONTINUE ALL THIS WEEK.

An Event full of Buying Opportunities and Economies that should claim the instant atten-  
tion of all good dressers and thrifty housekeepers. The low purchasing prices quoted by us on the essentials of per-  
sonal wear, and necessities of household use and comfort cannot be duplicated this season in Portland. We can only  
say:—Don't miss this opportunity. Come early and secure a few of the many bargains.

## Black Silks. Black Taffeta.

Regular 69c quality,	49c
" 75c "	59c
" 89c "	69c
" \$1.00 " pure dye,	89c
" 1.39 "	\$1.19
" 1.50 "	1.29

## Black Duchess,

JOHN N. STEARNS.

Regular 69c quality,	59c
" 79c "	69c
" \$1.00 "	89c
" 1.25 "	\$1.00
" 1.39 "	1.19
" 1.69 "	1.39
" 1.75 "	1.49

## Black Peau De Soie.

GUARANTEED.

Regular \$1.00 quality,	89c
" 1.39 "	\$1.19
" 1.50 "	1.25
" 1.69 "	1.39
" 1.75 "	1.50

## Plain Colored Taffetas

in all the leading shades, Browns, Tans, Slates, Grays,  
Blues, Pinks, Niles, Cardinals, Reds, Cream and White.

Regular 89c goods, for this sale 69c  
Remember these prices are for 10 days only.

## Wash Silks.

A large variety of styles in Colored Wash Silks, sold  
everywhere else for 50c. Our price 39c

## Figured Pongee.

Heliotrope and White, light and dark, Navy Blue and  
White, 39c

## Fancy Taffetas.

A few choice patterns in Fancy Taffetas. Regular \$1.00  
quality for 69c

T. F. HOMSTED COMPANY.

## YESTERDAY'S FIRE.

No Clue As Yet Discovered As To the  
Cause.

There has been found no clue yet to the  
fire in the three story block, 514-516 Con-  
gress street, yesterday morning. Mr.  
Roberts said that he left the studio about  
6.15 last evening when everything was all  
right. A fire was still burning in the  
coal stove yesterday morning. It is said  
that some young men have sometimes  
visited the studio in the evening for a  
smoke and chat, but it could not be as-  
certained that they were there that eve-  
ning.

Chief Eldridge had no theory as to the  
origin of the fire beyond the fact that it  
must have started in the photograph  
studio. It is probable that an investiga-  
tion will be held.

The loss on the Foster, Avery & Co.  
stock will be large. There were  
some goods in the rear which were not  
damaged at all, and those in the front  
store were thoroughly wet down. The  
ceilings and fixtures were owned by the  
firm and these were ruined. There is an  
insurance of about \$10,000, which is  
placed in Springfield, Mass., where Mr.  
Besse of the syndicate lives, and it will  
probably cover the loss. C. E. Ham-

"The Prudent Man Setteth  
His House in Order."

Your human tenement should be given  
even more careful attention than the  
house you live in. Set it in order by  
thoroughly renovating your whole system  
through blood made pure by taking  
Hood's Sarsaparilla. Then every organ  
will act promptly and regularly.

Hood's Sarsaparilla  
Never Disappoints

mond, the photographer, had an insur-  
ance of \$500 on his stock with E. C.  
Jones & Co., which will not be enough  
to cover the loss.

Mr. Roberts valued his stock and fix-  
tures at \$2500 and he had \$1000 with Philip  
Turner.

Mr. Hammond said that he had \$1400  
worth of implements and stock that  
would make his total loss about \$3000.  
He was insured with Herbert A. Harmon  
for about one half that amount.

The building is owned by Col. Fred N.  
Low and Abbie A. Steele and is insured  
as follows: M. E. Bradford, \$3000; Pren-  
tiss Loring and Son, \$4250; Anderson,  
Adams and Co., \$6000; Dow and Pink-  
ham, \$1250; Herbert A. Harmon, \$1000.  
The origin of the fire is unknown.

## THE STOLEN CLOTHING.

It turned out yesterday morning that  
the clothing which two men were caught  
taking away from the fire and which it  
was supposed might have been taken  
from the Foster, Avery company, store  
was second hand, hence they could not  
have taken it from the store. Where they  
got it is something of a mystery, but it is  
thought that they went into one of the  
upper rooms of the building and there  
obtained the clothing from one of the  
lodgers. They are both in custody and an  
investigation is in progress. The names  
of the men are Martin J. Healy and  
Thomas J. Riggs. Riggs says that he  
had nothing to do with the stealing the  
clothing, but that Healy came alone and  
got him to help carry it.

## HOMSTED'S BLACK SILK SALE.

The black silk sale at T. F. Homsted  
Company's, the past few days, has been  
a big success, it being one of the busiest  
occasions ever experienced at this little  
corner store. Genuine bargains have been  
offered and the ladies were quick to ap-  
preciate them, as was shown by the lib-  
eral manner in which this sale was pat-  
ronized. The sale will continue the re-  
mainder of the week and many other  
choice bargains will be offered at the  
same economical prices.

## Dress Goods.

Our 29c, 39c and 69c Dress Goods assortment is still  
unbroken. New Plaids, choice styles, 50c  
Black Dress Goods in great variety at the lowest  
prices.

## Satines.

A new line of French Satines, 29c  
Pique Madras Gingham. A new line. Regular  
25c quality, for 15c  
If you have any of the above goods to buy, this is your  
chance. We invite your inspection.

## Woolen Shirt Waists.

LOT NO. 1.  
In Navy Blue, Old Blue, Red and Black, trimmed diago-  
nally with six rows of black and white braid, usually sold for  
\$2.00. Sale Price \$1.49

LOT NO. 2.  
Shirt Waists.  
In Navy Blue, Old Blue and Black, usually sold for  
\$1.50. Sale Price \$1.19

LOT NO. 3.  
Shirt Waists.  
In Navy Blue, Old Blue, Red and Black, tucked and  
stitched with six rows of white silk, front and back, very nob-  
by, usually sold for \$3.00. Sale Price \$1.98

LOT NO. 4.  
Velveteen Waists.  
In Green, Navy, Heliotrope, Red and Black, usually  
sold for \$4.00. Sale Price \$2.98

## Dressing Sacques.

Eider Down Dressing Sacques, in light blues, trimmed  
with satin—a very few left, usually sold for \$3.98.  
Sale Price 98c

## Skirts.

The balance of our Colored Dress Skirts, Percaleine  
lined and Velvet bound, usually sold for \$3.98.  
To Close at \$1.49

## Cotton Crepons.

One case of Cotton Crepons, in Pink, Blue, Heliotrope,  
Cream, Cardinals and Black and White, just the thing for  
house dresses and shirt waists—very dainty, 12 1-2c

Bring us one of you  
faded dresses and  
we will quickly dye it  
some pleasing color  
that will remain  
firm and look as  
well as new.

FOSTER'S  
DYE  
HOUSE,

13 Preble St., opp. Preble House.  
Kid Gloves Cleaned Every Day.

## RIVERTON PARTIES.

A small private party was entertained  
last evening with lunch at Riverton ca-  
sino.

In the evening, Miss Mary Jordan,  
stenographer for the Portland Railroad  
company and a party of friends, went to  
the park in the parlor car Bramhall.  
Lunch was served in the red room and a  
social evening enjoyed. The party re-  
turned to the city at a late hour in the  
Bramhall.

## BOWDOIN MEN IN WASHINGTON.

The alumni of Bowdoin college re-  
siding in Washington, will hold their an-  
nual meeting and banquet there Satur-  
day evening next. This banquet is al-  
ways a very notable event among the  
Washington graduates of that institution,  
and the banquet this year is as bright  
in promise as any previous banquets  
have been. Representative Littlefield of  
Maine, although not a college graduate,  
will be the special guest of the occasion.  
The banquet will be held at the Wel-  
lington hotel, the same place where it  
has been held for several years; and Chief  
Justice Fuller, a native of Augusta, and  
president of the Washington alumni as-  
sociation, will preside. Senator Frye, the  
vice-president, is also expected to be  
present. There will be an effort to have  
some of the alumni of the college who  
are taking post-graduate courses at Johns  
Hopkins in Washington, present.

Alaska  
Sealskins

Have gradually advanced in price for  
the past ten years, and with the excep-  
tion of 1899, only at an average of 5  
per cent.

But during the past year they ad-  
vanced a total of 80 per cent at the  
sales held in London during June  
and December, 1899.  
The cause is their growing scarcity  
and increasing demand.  
The catch in 1899 was about 115,000  
skins, while in 1898 but 16,800 skins  
were caught.

Of course there are other seals be-  
sides the Alaska seals (although gen-  
erally called Alaskas) that are found  
on the Siberian, Japan and Chilian  
coasts, but they do not possess the  
durability and richness characteris-  
tic of the Alaska seals.

We hold some skins purchased be-  
fore the great advance, sufficient to  
make a few fine coats, and from  
which we will make to order at the  
same prices as existed during the  
fall.  
\$225.00 to \$325.00 according to size  
and length. \$50.00 to \$100.00 less  
than next season's prices. Coats  
made in one week.

L. H. Schlosberg,

2 Free Street.

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